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Mates 'said MI6 plotted to destroy north Cyprus'

■ A Commons committee said it will hold an enquiry into the Serious Fraud Office as letters between Michael Mates and the attorney-general are made public

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

ASTONISHING allegations that MI6 had collaborated with American and Cypriot intelligence services to bring down Asil Nadir were made by Michael Mates in his lengthy battle on behalf of the fugitive tycoon.

The claim of a conspiracy to cause the collapse of the northern Cyprus economy featured prominently in the private correspondence between the former Northern Ireland minister and two attorneys-general, published last night under "parliamentary privilege" after more than 24 hours of scrutiny by government lawyers.

As pressure for an enquiry into the conduct of the Serious Fraud Office grew at Westminster, with fresh allegations by Liberal Democrat and Conservative politicians of wrongdoing, Downing Street dismissed Mr Mates's MI6 claim as "rubbish". The release of the letters, however, has added to the growing pressure for the reform of the SFO: Labour changed its tune, saying there was now a need to overhaul the office.



As the dossier was published, however, Tory MPs voiced surprise last night that Mr Mates, responsible for security in Northern Ireland, had been allowed to stay in the government so long when he was accusing the intelligence services repeatedly of misconduct.

One of the documents quotes two senior Inland Revenue investigators as condemning the initial SFO raid on Polly Peck's headquarters as a "monumental disaster". The two inspectors, named Allcock and Cook, said they could see no purpose in the raid knowing that it would have such a disastrous effect on the company's share price and that it would produce no evidence of value.

The note of the meeting between the investigators and a lawyer says: "They regarded the SFO as having acted very badly and that the SFO would succeed whichever way, and that either they would find something or they have destroyed the company."

In his response, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the former attorney-general, brushes aside the criticism allegedly made by the Inland Revenue officials. Sir Patrick says: "Criminal proceedings are now in train and I am quite certain that it is neither incumbent upon the SFO to comment upon the contents of this document nor appropriate for them to do so."

Sir Patrick advises Mr Mates to abandon his campaign on behalf of Mr Nadir. In a letter dated October 1991, he says: "I do now think it right that any further contention about the genesis and conduct of the proceedings should not have taken place within the ambit of the proceedings themselves."

In other key developments yesterday surrounding the SFO and the Nadir affair, the all-party Commons home affairs committee announced that it would hold a special enquiry in the autumn into the fraud office.

The Liberal Democrats said they had evidence that the SFO had tipped off the media about a raid connected with its enquiry into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and then sought to cover up its actions. They also claimed that the SFO was responsible for a second forged letter in the BCCI case.

David Mellor, the former cabinet minister, who helped to set up the SFO, criticised its behaviour. He said his concerns "go beyond anything voiced" by Michael Mates.

Mr Mates broke his recent silence last night to claim that

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IAN STEWART

Agony of defeat: Martina Navratilova feeling her years against Jana Novotna yesterday

Defeated Navratilova vows 'I'll be back'

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

MARTINA Navratilova, the nine times Wimbledon champion aged 36, last night vowed that she would be back next year, despite the biggest upset of the 1993 championships when Jana Novotna, the Czech No 8 seed, beat her in the semi-final.

On a day when centre court reached almost 90 degrees, she waved farewell to the 13,100 crowd but ideas of retirement were dismissed: her ambition was to become the oldest Wimbledon singles champion in 1995.

"I don't think I would continue playing if I didn't think I had chance to win," she said. "I'm not a glutton for punishment. I got my butt kicked today, but I had a great time." The oldest champion is Charlotte Sterry of Britain, who won in 1908 at 37 years and 282 days.

Navratilova lost 4-6 4-6 and said she had never seen her 24-year-old opponent play so well. "If she plays like that, she can definitely win the final." That will be tomorrow against Steffi Graf, of Germany, the champion, who recovered to beat Conchita Martinez of Spain 7-6 6-2.

For Novotna, what meant even more than reaching the final was her first victory over Navratilova. "I have beaten her at Wimbeldon, on centre court, and I have beaten her on grass," she said. "It is unbelievable."

☐ In the Third Test at Trent Bridge, England struggled to reach 276-6. Robin Smith was England's top scorer with 86.

At Henley, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the Olympic coxless pairs champions, raced into the second round of the Silver Goblets, beating the Murray brothers from the Republic of Ireland.

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Major's rating still on the slide

BY PETER RIDDELL

LESS than a half of Tory supporters are satisfied with John Major's performance as prime minister and under a third are content with the way the government is running the country. He is now the least popular prime minister in polling history.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* underlines the extent of disillusionment with the government and the prime minister throughout the country, particularly among Tory supporters. Moreover, the improvement in the economic optimism index recorded in the spring has been reversed.

The figures highlight the difficulties faced by Mr Major and the Tories in trying to rebuild their political position, especially before the Christchurch by-election, expected to be called for July 29.

Criticism of Mr Major at Westminster has quietened, but senior ministers are apprehensive about a renewed burst of criticism at the party conference in Blackpool in three months.

Less than a fifth of the public is satisfied with the way Mr Major is doing his job. This is a record low and compares with a satisfaction rating of more than a half little over a year ago. These ratings are lower than Baroness Thatcher had even at her most unpopular in 1981 and 1990.

Leaders of other Western democracies have also faced a decline in popularity. The prime ministers or heads of government of five of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries have lost their jobs in the past year. At next week's annual economic summit in Tokyo, Mr Major and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand will be the only leaders who attended last year's meeting.

Particularly worrying for the Tories is that even among

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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

TALKING ABOUT HIS GENERATION



"You think, well, I have a duty to my spouse, and to my mum and to my brothers and my friends — and that's why I'm going to stay alive. And you suddenly realise that the people who let themselves die were without any sense of their own meaning". Pete Townshed tells Ginny Dougary about the friends he lost to drugs.

VILLAGE FOR SALE



"For £10 million you would get Pickenham Hall plus grounds, three farms, the post office, and the 16 cottages..." Alan Franks meets the village of South Pickenham, Norfolk, up for sale in its entirety.

A QUESTION OF CLASS

"I ask Quintin Hailsham, is he an aristocrat? 'Certainly not,' he replies. 'I'm middle class to the eyeballs.' Elizabeth Longford ruminates on aristocracy and happy marriages in her Diary

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Leaders battle to save G7 summit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR and other international leaders are struggling to prevent next week's Group of Seven summit meeting in Tokyo collapsing because of yet another breakdown in the seven-year attempt to reach a settlement on world trade.

Senior British negotiators admitted last night that the meeting, which begins on Wednesday, is already a "cliff-hanger" because it is likely to be judged solely on whether it can break the impasse over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

With the domestic standing of most of the participants — including Mr Major, President Clinton, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand of France — at a low ebb, and Japan in a power vacuum, prospects of a big step forward are slim.

British opposition parties are calling on the G7 nations to look for co-ordinated world-wide action to boost growth and employment. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, yesterday demanded Kenneth Clarke follow the Bundesbank's example and announce a cut in interest rates as part of European-wide reductions.

But the meeting looks certain to be dominated by trade, and planners believe G7 has put itself at the mercy of a crucial meeting in Tokyo on Monday, 36 hours before the summit meeting, of main players in the Gatt talks.

With France having hardened its opposition to anything other than a procedural agreement, an eve-of-summit "quadrilateral" meeting between negotiators of the United States, the European Community, Japan and Canada is already in difficulty. French officials have criticised its timing. Even if it does

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German rate cut

The Bundesbank, under intense pressure from France and the United States to ease its stranglehold, yesterday cut its key discount rate by 0.5 of a percentage point to 6.75 per cent, and its Lombard rate by quarter of a percentage point to 8.25 per cent......Page 21

Huge tolls imposed on aid convoys

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UNITED Nations relief workers reacted with confusion and anger last night after Bosnian Serbs and Croats began charging huge road tolls for aid convoys.

The republic's Croats were reported by one UN source to be seeking up to $20 million (£13.3 million) for "a very large convoy". The Serbs have introduced vehicle charges ranging from $140 to $700.

An aide of Lord Owen, the European peace envoy, said in Geneva: "UN vehicles are being blocked and this is obviously unacceptable." Michael Lewington of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said in Zagreb: "We were told these tolls would be introduced from July 1. We do not intend to pay."

Reports last night said aid convoys were turning back before reaching their intended destinations after refusing to pay the tolls. How widespread the problem was remained unclear.

Scores of shells yesterday reportedly pounded Gorazde, one of the six UN "safe havens" under siege by Serbs.

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Noddy good as a wink to exports

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

AN eccentric, ageless elf with a floppy blue hat, a little yellow car and the endearing habit of nodding his head when excited has won a place among Britain's leading foreign currency earners.

Noddy — not forgetting his best pal Big-Ears and the friendly policeman Mr Plod — helped to double the profits of

Noddy: earning funds for BBC programmes

BBC Enterprises to nearly £12 million last year, it was reported yesterday.

Enid Blyton's little chappie may be banned from libraries and ignored by government advisers' new recommended reading list for schoolchildren, but he occupies a special place in the affections of the corporation's sales arm. His burgeoning popularity overseas — he is known as Oui Oui in France — boosted its turnover to £233 million, an increase of 11 per cent, with profits of £11.8 million. Together with Michael Palin's successful travel programmes, Noddy helped to provide £60 million for new BBC programmes.

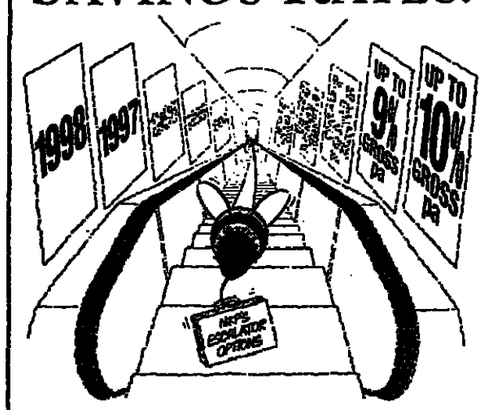
James Arnold-Baker, chief executive of BBC Enterprises, said: "Noddy, for which BBC Enterprises acquired all rights last year, has been a phenomenal success."

Pole To Pole, the series following the globe-traversing exploits of Michael Palin, the former Monty Python comedian, was the biggest earner. Mr Arnold-Baker said it was "our best-selling programme, seen in 18 countries, and going on to become a best seller for BBC Books with half a million copies sold in hardback, and helping BBC Video to its position as the No 1 label in the UK."

Soaring sales in the United States made the corporation the leading distributor of foreign programmes there.

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A punch in the noise from Patten

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Having been badly beaten up by the National Union of Teachers, the education secretary, John Patten, has decided to pick on someone smaller than himself: the National Union of Students. He came to the Commons yesterday to kick sand in their faces, while some of the weedier boys on the Tory backbenches egged him on.

At last: someone he could push around. All the pent-up anger and humiliation of his recent bruising battle over schools testing found an outlet — a point not lost on the SNP's Alex Salmond. Patten strutted to his seat in one of his new suits — beautifully pressed — his hair representing to coiffeurs the triumph that a prize-winning *vol-au-vent* represents to a pastry chef. Patten never *quite* calls cock-a-doodle-doo from the dispatch box, but he comes close.

And not only was his foe puny, but his argument was easy. Patten made a convincing fist of his case — that students should choose to join a union rather than be conscripted, and that public money should not be spent by unions on political causes — and punched his way through the argument with stylish aggression.

He carried all before him. The only convincing objection came from another Tory. Robert Jackson, an ex-education minister who asked why universities should not decide these things for themselves. Jackson's question was significant, but quiet. Jeff Rooker, a Labour spokesman, was not quiet, but unfortunately he was not significant. He was quite the noisiest thing that had been heard in the Chamber for months. MPs marvelled not only at the scale of Mr Rooker's fury, but at its duration. He stood there, quite literally yelling at the top of his voice, for what seemed like 20 minutes. Nobody is sure what he meant but shouts of "igher education", "stoodent unions" and "disgrace" ricocheting round the Chamber suggested that Mr Rooker didn't agree. A secretly thoughtful man, Mr Rooker was guarding his secret closely.

Angrier and angrier he grew — "ow this guvvermint 'as the bare-faced *cheek* . . ." — until we started to fear for his health. A slim, slight fellow, with a receding hairline and an advancing Brummie accent, he sounded, with every yell, less like a higher education spokesman and more like a bus conductor who had been provoked beyond endurance and finally cracked. One had the impression he had been building up for years towards this outburst. The whole thing was a bleedin' scandal and a flippin' disgrace. His hearers soon ceased evaluating his argument and started to wonder whether we ought to rush over and help him: a wet towel, perhaps, or a glass of water. Mr Patten looked delighted with the effect he had created.

Towards the end, Rooker's apoplexy reached such a pitch that he grew unable to understand his own speech notes, and started to read (instead of the text of the speech itself) the instructions he had written for himself. Thus, and without warning, Mr Rooker suddenly looked up at the cameras and shouted: "*Give two examples and ask the minister to explain why they would be inappropriate!*" MPs scratched their heads.

But one of Rooker's objections we did understand. The three months the minister had given students to respond happened to coincide with the summer vacation. Spluttered James Pawsey (C, Rugby and Kenilworth): "Twelve weeks is perfectly reasonable."

So let the House Leader propose, just as the House rises at the end of July, that MPs' allowances are to be cut — and give Parliament until October to respond.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ministers seek cut in single-parent costs

Ministers are to make a fresh attempt to curb the spiralling £5-billion-a-year cost of state benefits for single-parent families, the social security department confirmed yesterday. Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, and Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, have decided to act on persistent anecdotal evidence from Conservative MPs that young women are becoming pregant to jump queues for council housing.

Among the proposals being studied are local authority hostels for single mothers instead of council flats, and making a girl's parents pay towards her upkeep if she and her child have been thrown out of the family home. The moves are triggered by Treasury anxieties over the £50 billion budget deficit, but ministers will face accusations that they are attacking the most vulnerable in society.

Rail privatisation blow

Government plans to privatise the railway network received two setbacks yesterday. Members of the largest rail union voted to hold a ballot on industrial action, and Virgin and Sea Containers indicated that they now had serious doubts on whether to become franchise holders, following British Rail's announcement of a £164 million loss.

US allows extradition

The American accused of murdering the British student Catherine Ayling in 1991 is likely to be extradited from America after a two-year legal wrangle. The US Court of Appeals has upheld a court decision to allow the extradition of Curtis Howard. Mr Howard's lawyer had argued that his client would not receive a fair trial in Britain.

Family on blast charges

Five members of one family faced charges yesterday in connection with IRA attacks in northern England. Sean McNulty, 25, of North Shields, is accused of an offence under the Explosive Substances Act. His parents, Bernard and Dorothy, his uncle Niall McNulty and his sister Annette Walker face charges under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Student reform plan

The education secretary has announced proposals to achieve the Conservative's 20-year aim of reforming student unions. John Patten said he intended to end compulsory membership of unions while protecting essential campus services and ensuring that students' interests were represented. Unions would be made more accountable.

Tory fundraiser goes



The Tory party has dismissed Algy Cluff, right, from his unpaid post as external director of fund raising. Mr Cluff, 53, had close links with senior Hong Kong business figures who donated millions to the party. Close friends say that he was told four months ago that his role as chairman of the *Spectator*, which has strongly criticised John Major, was incompatible with his re-appointment.

Solo sailor's boat plea

Tom McNally, the solo sailor who spent 134 days crossing the Atlantic in a 5ft 4½in boat, is hoping to borrow a more comfortable craft so that he can go sailing for pleasure. Mr McNally, 50, of Liverpool, who arrived in Florida on Wednesday, said yesterday: "I don't have an ordinary-sized boat at present, so if anyone had one to lend me I'd be delighted."

Mates: 'I believe there is political pressure for Nadir to be convicted'

Letters show extent of MP's fears for tycoon

■ Michael Mates's passion for the cause of Asil Nadir is clear from written and verbal exchanges with two attorneys-general

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

WHILE many of the letters repeat themes of discontent aired publicly many times before, one document shows that Michael Mates met Sir Nicholas Lyell five days after Asil Nadir fled the country on May 4 to complain of his treatment.

In a note of the meeting between Mr Mates and the attorney-general, held on May 10, Mr Mates said he found Mr Nadir's flight "appalling but not surprising". Mr Mates had lunched with Mr Nadir at Scott's restaurant two weeks before.

Only half the original letters were published after lawyers acting for Sir Nicholas had excised all references to matters that might prejudice any forthcoming trial and "peripheral" names.

Mr Mates's letters contain a bewildering amount of detail alleging that the fugitive tycoon was the victim of a plot hatched by the intelligence services of the Greek Cypriots, the British and Americans. In one passage, Mr Mates told Sir Nicholas at a meeting in December 1992, that he believed there might be "strong political pressure for Mr Nadir to be convicted in order to provide a solution to the problem of northern Cyprus".

Mr Mates claimed that Mr Nadir was arrested without warning eight times despite meeting all the conditions of his bail, often in circumstances which were leaked to the press. Sir Nicholas countered: "I am satisfied that the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Mr Nadir on various occasions have been entirely normal ... I am assured that publicity has never been sought by the SFO in relation to those arrests."

On September 20, 1991, Mr Mates wrote to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the former attorney-general, to complain that the SFO were guilty of "intimidatory and improper tactics".

At a meeting between Mr Mates and Sir Nicholas on December 22, Mr Mates claimed that an "acquaintance" had been put under considerable pressure by an SFO official to "concoct a story which would lead to a conviction". Mr Mates named both the acquaintance and the official, and Sir Nicholas said he would look into it.

The attorney-general also stated unequivocally to Mr Mates that it was not the Inland Revenue, whose tip-off led to the SFO investigation but the Stock Exchange.

In a letter dated February 15, 1993, Sir Nicholas said that certain documents recovered from South Audley Management's offices contained references to telephone messages which were deemed appropriate to pass on to West Yorkshire police, who were making inquiries about Wyn Jones, a former assistant commissioner. Sir Nicholas also denied any officers of the SFO had been to northern Cyprus and pointed out that Mr Nadir's mail was being intercepted by the trustee in bankruptcy (Robson Rhodes) and that the SFO had not been aware of this until December 1992, when it had learned of the interception in a court hearing.

Sir Nicholas also denied that the Inland Revenue had passed information prompting the SFO to start an investigation. "I can only reiterate that the referring authority for this case was the Stock Exchange. There may well have been available also to the SFO material from the Inland Revenue but it was not that material which led to the acceptance of the case." He also repeated he was happy with SFO's conduct of the case.

In a reply to Mr Mates's letter of March 17, 1993, claiming that police from the fraud squad had already gone to northern Cyprus and made enquiries, Sir Nicholas sent a letter dated March 30, repeating that "no formal approaches had been made to the 'government' of northern Cyprus because no such approach is possible. However, despite this at an informal level repeated attempts have been made to obtain the access which is so much desired."

Mr Mates said he had received "numerous overtures" from Anthony Scrivener QC, Mr Nadir's counsel, as Mr Scrivener had felt inhibited to directly approach the attorney-general.

At the December 1992 meeting, Mr Mates made another allegation that Lord Erskine of Rerrick had approached Mr Nadir on behalf of the SFO and proposed that proceedings would be dropped provided there was an assurance from Mr Nadir of "no comeback". Mr Mates said he had seen letters between Lord Erskine and a a person from Jacob Rothschild's bank.

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HOW PRIVILEGE WARDS OFF LIBEL

The Commons order paper yesterday was something of a collector's item (Nicholas Wood writes). At the foot of the first page in the name of Sir Nicholas Lyell was a "notice of motion for an unopposed return" — a rarely used parliamentary device by which MPs demand the production of papers. The letters could have been published without any reference to the Commons but such a step would have left ministers and the press vulnerable to actions for libel by aggrieved parties mentioned in them. By invoking the authority of Parliament, the government ensured that the letters were covered by parliamentary privilege and so blocked the possibility of legal action. The motion was tabled under an Act of Parliament dating back to 1840 and arising out a successful defamation action brought in 1837 against Hansard, the publisher of the Official Report of Parliament's debates.



SFO chief claims second forgery was April fool joke

BY JILL SHERMAN AND SHEILA GUNN

THE Liberal Democrats claimed last night that police officers working with the Serious Fraud Office had forged a second letter, this time from a top London solicitor.

At a hastily-convened Westminster news conference last night, Alex Carlile QC, Liberal Democrat frontbench spokesman, claimed a second forged letter had emerged, in the name of a London solicitor, David Freeman. On Wednesday night it was disclosed how an officer working in conjunction with the SFO forged a letter from Sir David Steel. Calling for an independent enquiry into the Serious Fraud Office, Mr Carlisle explained how the forgery, also dated April 1, had come to light.

"The forgery was spotted by Mr Freeman because by then Mr Freeman was no longer senior partner in D.W. Freemans, he was a consultant and was so shown on the current notepaper. The notepaper on which the forged letter had been written was his old notepaper, which showed him as senior partner — hence he spotted the forgery at once. At the same time he was shown the forged letter purporting to have come from Sir David Steel."

Mr Carlile said further enquiries yesterday "showed that those letters were in fact prepared by one or more police officers of the City of London police who were at the time working in, with and as part of the SFO ... It is outrageous that at the very least demotion has not occurred."

SFO director George Staple, in a statement last night, sought to make clear that the forged letter from Sir David was "written and sent by an officer or officers of the City of London police who had been working in conjunction with the SFO on the BCCI investigation. No SFO lawyer or other member was involved."

The lawyers, believing it was genuine, showed it to the defendant's lawers. "It was subsquently discovered by the lawyer concerned that the letter was in fact a misguided April-fool joke."

□ Asil Nadir is to throw a party for the 300 British expatriots living in northern Cyprus. The arrival of the runaway businessman has focused attention on the British residents, who continue to defy the government in London and live happily in the unrecognised Northern Cyprus.

Police morale fears

THE sweeping changes to police pay and conditions urged by the Sheehy enquiry could damage morale and make recruitment harder, the new Chief Inspector of Constabulary said yesterday.

Trefor Morris said he was uneasy at the proposed drop in salary for new recruits which, with the ending of the housing allowance, would not provide an incentive to join the police. Giving a "guarded" welcome to the enquiry, Mr Morris expressed doubts about the effect fixed-term contracts would have on recruitment. He added: "I am concerned morale will suffer."

He also opposed attempts to reduce severance arrangements under proposals to streamline the rank structure.

Mates accuses MI6 over north Cyprus

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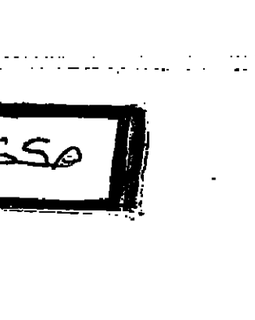
"the whole story has not yet been told". He said that his complaint was "that the system was not working fairly, it was working at the least oppressively and, at the worst, illegally".

The continuing stream of allegations undermined John Major's hopes of drawing a line under the dispute over donations to the Tory party. In the Commons he came under renewed pressure as he told MPs that he did not know whther the Tory party had received money from Octav Botnar, the former Nissan UK chief who has fled the country and is wanted in connection with a £97 million tax swindle. John Smith, the Labour leader had claimed that Mr Botnar had given £1 million to the Conseravtives while Nissan was involved in the country's "biggest ever tax fraud" and demanded that the money should be paid back to the Inland Revenue.

Mr Major again insisted that any "tainted money" would be returned. He said: "I have no idea whether the Conservative party received money from Mr Botnar around ten years ago. I am not responsible for that."

The publication of the Mates-attorney letters disclosed an extraordinary web of accusation and denial and shows just how far the minister went in his campaign to expose irregularities in the investigation of the former Polly Peck chief. The edited version of the letters, as published, comprises 48 pages, and the unedited version 97 pages.

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Tories turn from Major

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the reduced number of their supporters, only 48 per cent are satisfied with Mr Major's record, while 45 per cent are dissatisfied.

Only one in ten of the electorate is now satisfied with the way the government is running the country. Even among Conservatives, less than a third are satisfied and three-fifths are dissatisfied.

In spite of these trends, however, there has been little change in the past month in the ratings of the political parties.

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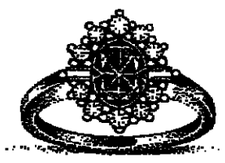
A *Good Housekeeping* survey of smoking among schoolchildren was wrongly quoted in a report (May 10) as saying that children smoke 19 million cigarettes a year, rather than 19 million a week. We are grateful to the pupils of St Bernadette primary school, London SW12, for pointing out this error.

A photograph accompanying the report yesterday of the launch of the 1993 Community Enterprise Awards was of Mr John Thompson, deputy chairman of the awards, and not, as incorrectly stated, Mr Iain Tuckett. We apologise for the error.

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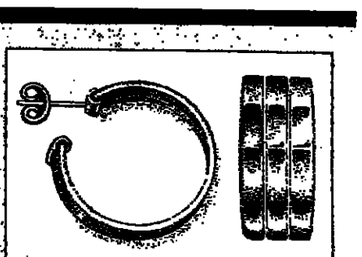


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Kidnapper denies murder

Sams tells court that friend abducted and killed Julie Dart

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MICHAEL Sams, the man accused of murdering the Leeds teenager Julie Dart, went into the witness box for the first time yesterday to deny killing her, but claimed that he knew the man who did.

On the seventeenth day of his trial at Nottingham Crown Court, Sams admitted that he had helped the killer, whom he identified only as "my mate", to cover his tracks after the killing in July 1991. He told the court that his friend, from Leeds, had copied a kidnap plot devised by Sams and which Sams had subsequently used to abduct Stephanie Slater, 26, a Birmingham estate agent, six months later.

After the murder, the friend had told him the kidnap had gone wrong and Miss Dart had been killed. Sams had agreed to write to ransom letters to police in Leeds to confuse detectives.

Sams, 51, a tool repairer from Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, denies kidnapping and murdering Miss Dart, 18, and demanding a £140,000 ransom for her release from West Yorkshire police. He also denies blackmailing British Rail in October 1991 with a threat to derail a mainline express train.

He has admitted abducting Miss Slater in January 1992 and demanding a £175,000 ransom from her employers.

Watching Sams from the public gallery were Stephanie Slater and her parents and Kevin Watts, who acted as courier for the ransom drop. Sitting near by were members of Miss Dart's family.

Sams responded "no" quietly but firmly to each of the Dart charges as they were put to him by John Milmo QC, his counsel.

He said that at around that time his marriage was in trouble and he wanted money to buy his wife a house in the divorce settlement. He had created a plan for the perfect escape route from a ransom drop. But his attempt to try it out with the kidnapping of an estate agent in Crewe on July 3, 1991, was aborted after a builder, working near the abduction site, started a conversation as he lay in wait.

The next weekend he told his friend, who rented part of his Newark workshop, about the plot. "I was despondent. I didn't have the confidence to go ahead with it. I said, 'I have got a lovely plan but I just don't have the confidence.'"

He said that he showed the friend the plan as he had recorded it on his home computer. "It had all the details, the itinerary for the ransom, everything," said Sams. "He said it was a brilliant idea and we left it at that."



Sams: claims "mate" copied kidnap plan

The next week the friend rang Sams late at night to ask him to go to Skegness to take a video of him and a girl. He agreed but the next day the friend rang to put him off.

Earlier in the hearing the court had been told that Sams told police during interrogation that his friend had kidnapped Miss Dart.

Some days after the call, Sams and his friend were watching television when news of Miss Dart's killing was broadcast.

Sams told the court: "From his nervous reaction I made the comment, 'oh your kidnapping went wrong then'. I didn't know about the kidnapping then. "My friend said, 'It was all an accident. She ran away and I hit her, that's all.'" Sams said his friend had later told him that he had abducted Miss Dart because she owed him money.

He agreed to help the friend by writing two letters to police in Leeds about the ransom. One said the kidnapper was pressing on with the demand despite her death; the other said he was stopping. They were delivered to the police several days apart. "I think he was trying to make police believe that it was someone who didn't know her," said Sams.

He said he had copied the letters from a paper written by his friend. When Mr Milmo asked why he had done it, Sams replied: "The state of my marriage at the time was such that I just could not care less about anything."

He denied preparing typewritten letters received by police and said he had refused his friend's demands to write more letters to detectives.

He also denied producing a document found on his computer detailing an encounter with a girl called Julie in the Chapel Town district of Leeds where Miss Dart had worked as a prostitute. He said he had never been there, but his friend did have access to the computer.

He claimed that the plan found on his computer detailing the British Rail blackmail had also been written by his friend. He had discovered it in November 1991 a month after BR received its first threat. "I could not believe British Rail would accept it as genuine," he said. "I told him not to use my route. I wanted to use it and that he should leave it to me."

When Sams put the plan into use, he said, he offered the friend £25,000 of the ransom to help him take his scooter in the back of his friend's car to a point on a disused railway track where the ransom was to be dropped off.

The hearing continues.



MIKE POWELL

Time up? The veteran correspondent Charles Wheeler at a meeting in London of journalists campaigning to save *News at Ten*

ITV chiefs defy MPs over News at Ten move

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ITV chiefs defied John Major and other senior politicians yesterday by insisting on their right to move ITN's *News At Ten* to an earlier time in the evening schedule.

Despite speculation that the ITV companies would drop the plan after a wave of protests at Westminster, Greg Dyke, London Weekend Television's chief executive and the chairman of the ITV Association, told the Commons heritage committee that he remained convinced that there was a commercial case for shaking up news programmes.

The Independent Television Commission (ITC) is attempting to block the change, but under questioning by the Conservative-dominated committee, Mr Dyke challenged the commission's legal right to meddle with the plans to alter the time of the flagship news programme.

The committee plans to rush out a highly critical report today in advance of Monday's meeting of the ITV council, which will discuss the proposed changes.

With tempers on both sides barely kept under control at times during yesterday's hearing, Mr Dyke and other ITV executives insisted that they had not abandoned plans to replace *News At Ten* with a 6.30pm or 7pm news programme and a 15-minute bulletin at 11pm. The prime minister and John Smith, together with a wide cross-section of MPs, have sternly criticised the rescheduling proposals.

Mr Dyke told the committee: "We find it difficult to accept that our freedom to schedule peak-time news how we think best should be questioned. We have taken advice from a QC which disagrees with the ITC interpretation of the law." Mr Dyke also commented that David Mellor, the former broadcasting minister, had suggested in the Commons that scheduling decisions were in the hands of the ITV companies and not the commission.

When the executives complained about hostile questioning, Gerald Kaufman, the committee chairman, retorted: "This is a select committee of the House of Commons. We could have summoned you if we wished to. I will not have a member of this committee accused of indulging in vilification."

The MPs repeatedly protested when the executives refused to give one-word answers to their questions on whether or not the ITV companies had given a commitment to screen *News At Ten* when they were applying for their franchises.

They also criticised ITV's decision to alter the news programmes six months into the ten-year licence period.

Mr Dyke said: "We put in draft schedules and we do not believe they are in any way binding."

He told the MPs of the search to bring back certain categories of viewers to ITV around 10pm, particularly men, occasional and up-market viewers. He said that many viewers had complained that films were often split by the news programme.

As *News At Ten* is one of the politicians' favourite programmes, the committee did not take kindly to being told by Andrew Quinn, the association's chief executive, that its audience tended to be "older and less up-market".

Mr Kaufman argued that the 10pm news programme coincided with the main vote in the Commons and exit polls at election times. *News At Ten* was first with the news, for instance, of the fall of the Labour government at the 10pm vote in March 1979.

Leslie Hill, chairman and chief executive of Central Television, replied that such news could still be broadcast in special "30 second inserts".

Mr Kaufman castigated the executives for trying to lure back male viewers at 10 pm with films containing violent scenes and bad language.

Mr Dyke replied that Britain's broadcasting industry was probably the most heavily regulated in the world and ITV rigorously obeyed the rules.

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Jury has judge confused

BY RONALD FAUX

A MURDER trial judge dismissed a jury yesterday, believing that it had been unable to reach any verdicts, before realising that two out of three defendants had been found guilty. When the mistake was realised at Manchester Crown Court, Alan Steadman, 27, of Little Hulton, Greater Manchester, was returned to the dock and sentenced to life imprisonment by Mr Justice Turner for the murder of a security guard.

The court had been told that Steadman had planned to rob Ian Foster, 26, a former policeman and security guard, outside Farnworth town hall, Manchester. But when he realised that they were old schoolmates and that he might be recognised, Steadman shot him in the back of the head.

The jury had spent more than nine hours considering the case against Steadman and Rodney Smith, 28, of Little Hulton, who was also accused of murder and robbery. The jury failed to reach verdicts on Mr Smith, who was remanded in custody pending a retrial. Steadman's brother, Gary, was convicted unanimously of handling stolen goods.

The confusion arose as the jury foreman said that the jury had not reached verdicts on all of the defendants. They were not asked by the judge if they had reached any verdicts.

Police photo shows suspect serial killer and gay victim

BY JAMES LANDALE

SCOTLAND Yard issued a photograph yesterday of the man wanted in connection with their investigation into the killing of five homosexuals in London. The picture, from a British Transport Police security camera, shows the man with Emanuel Spiteri, the most recent victim, on the night he was last seen alive.

The two men are shown walking into Charing Cross station in London at 10.32pm on Saturday June 12, only hours before Mr Spiteri was strangled at his flat in Catford, south-east London.

The man in the photograph fits the description already released by police. He is white, aged 30 to 40, heavily built, tall, clean shaven, and has close-cropped dark brown hair and stained teeth. He is wearing jeans, what looks like a dark or black T-shirt, and a dark bomber jacket.



Security snapshot: Mr Spiteri and, left, the man police want to interview

Det Chief Supt Ken John, who is co-ordinating the enquiry, said there was a possibility that the man's nose was broken. Mr Spiteri, at 5ft 4in, was much shorter than the man police are seeking. "They would have made a distinctive pair," Mr John said. Mr Spiteri had a shaven head and was wearing leather trousers with black lace-up sides, and a dark donkey jacket.

Mr John said: "Somebody in the community will know this man. My appeal to that person or those persons is: 'Who is this man and where is this man?'" He emphasised that the man may not be the killer. "I just need to identify him and talk to him."

Police want to hear from anyone who was travelling on any of the lines going through Charing Cross station between 10.15pm and 10.45pm that night. They particularly want to speak to a woman wearing a white jacket, dark trousers and carrying a drawstring shoulder bag who was photographed walking away from the two men at Charing Cross. Anyone who has any information can phone police on 071 937 7945.

Mr Spiteri, 41, a Maltese-born chef, was seen leaving the Coleherne pub alone in Earl's Court, west London at 9.45pm that evening. From Charing Cross he took the shuttle train to Cannon Street station then a train to Hither Green, south-east London. He would have been in that area between 11.30 and midnight. Three days later police found the burnt remains of his body at his flat after the killer telephoned detectives.

Mr John appealed to the killer to contact him again. "We need to talk," he said. "The lines of communication are not down, but very much open." He also repeated a warning to London's gay community. "Be cautious, beware," he said. "Still make sure that you tell sombody where you are going."

Republican takes a break at Balmoral

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PAUL Keating, the avowedly republican prime minister of Australia, will be a holiday guest of the very Queen of whom he wishes to dispose, according to reports from Sydney yesterday. During a visit to Europe in September, Mr Keating is expected to spend a weekend at Balmoral, where his country's head of state enjoys her long summer retreat.

Neither Buckingham Palace nor the Australian High Commission could confirm that such a meeting would take place, far less suggest what the two might talk about. The palace said, however, that it was normal practice for visiting Commonwealth prime ministers, particularly of those 16 countries of which the Queen was still queen, to pay a courtesy call on their sovereign while visiting Britain.

During the Queen's visit to Australia last year, Mr Keating failed to bow when greeting his monarch, merely offering a nod of the head. Worse, his wife failed to curtsey, offering instead a handshake. At an official reception for the Queen, Mr Keating told his guest that present-day Australians were altogether different from the generation which greeted her so enthusiastically on her first visit as monarch in 1954.

Guiding his sovereign around reception guests, he committed the ultimate *lese-majesté* of putting his arm around her waist as a means of steering her in the right direction. Two days after Her Antipodean Majesty had left the country, Mr Keating accused the British of deserting Australian troops at the fall of Singapore in 1942.

Since then Mr Keating has continued to assume a republican stance, backed by opinion polls which suggest that monarchists cling to an increasingly slender majority. He has proposed the removal of the Union Jack from the corner of the Australian flag, the removal of the Queen's head from money, and the removal of any reference to her in oaths of allegiance. "Advance Australia Fair" has long replaced "God Save The Queen" as the national anthem.

If the monarch meets Mr Keating at Balmoral, she will doubtless take the firm view that she is still Queen of the Ockers for the time being.



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Armed checkpoints will have powers to stop and search all traffic

Police put 'ring of steel' around City

BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLICE yesterday rejected allegations that they were handing a propaganda victory to the IRA by blocking off 18 roads into the City of London and setting up eight checkpoints in an attempt to foil terrorists. Owen Kelly, commissioner of the City of London Police, said that the scheme would "dramatically" reduce the risk of another attack, after four people died from two IRA bombings in the past 14 months.

"If we allow them to plant another large bomb, just think of the coup that would be," he said. "If we do nothing, how would we explain the inaction to the bereaved and those who would be terribly injured and whose lives would be shattered? Then you have to think of the perhaps irreparable economic damage that would be done to the City and its reputation as a safe place to do business."

From midnight tonight police, who will sometimes be armed, will man eight checkpoints at entrances to the City where they can stop and search any vehicle. Video cameras and sniffer dogs will help attempts to prevent a repeat of the Baltic Exchange bomb in April 1992 and the Bishopsgate blast a year later, costing the City £1 billion in lost business and damage.

Mr Kelly dismissed suggestions by some senior City figures that he was setting up a Belfast-style cordon. "It is no way like the Belfast situation, where there are armed police and barriers and everyone is searched," he said.

The scheme is being introduced under police traffic powers for a 12-month trial period. The commissioner said that the measures could not offer a complete guarantee against another IRA attack. "It would be impossible to check the hundreds of thousands of people visiting or passing through the City every day, even if we had such powers," Mr Kelly said.

Private traffic entering the centre of the City will have to use one of seven entrance points: Cannon Street, Cheapside and Moorgate via Eldon Street, from the west; Bishopsgate from the north; Duke's Place and Aldgate, from the east; and London Bridge via King William Street, from the south. An eighth entrance, from Moorgate by London Wall, will be for buses and taxis only. All other routes will be closed or made exit-only.

The scheme was quickly condemned yesterday by the roads pressure group Movement for London. Andrew Pharoah, its director, said: "London has many high-profile targets and there is a danger that, if all involved took the City approach, London would grind to a halt and even then we probably would not solve the problem."

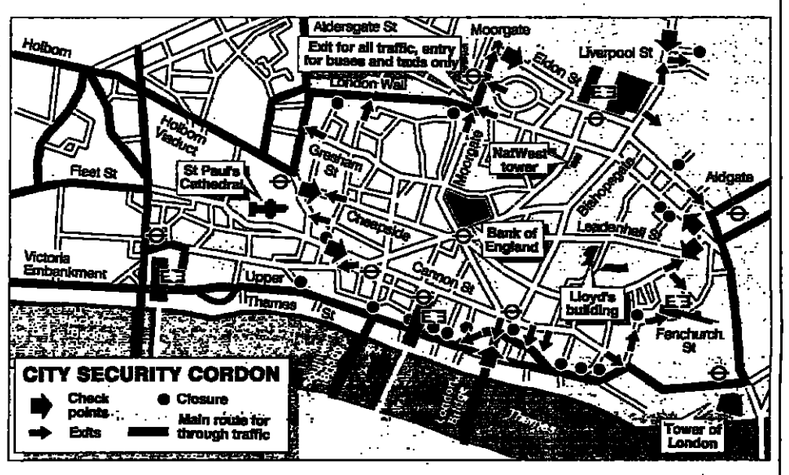
Police said that computer predictions had forecast that vehicles would be delayed by no more than a few minutes as they entered the City. Mr Kelly also rejected claims that the bombers would be displaced to areas outside the cordon. "There is no evidence to show that terrorists, denied their most attractive target, will necessarily take the risk and expend resources attacking lesser targets," he said. "In any case, by increased police patrols in those areas we aim to prevent that happening."

The measures are the result of intense negotiations between the Corporation of London and City police. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the corporation's policy and resources committee, welcomed the scheme. "We came under pressure from businesses in the City to implement something they could see," he said. "There is likely to be some early discomfort but we are confident it will settle down."

ANDY WATTS



Fortress London: armed police, already seen on the City's streets, will be able to stop vehicles from entering at eight checkpoints



Public schools join English protest

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

LEADING independent schools yesterday joined the alliance against proposals for an English curriculum detailing the grammar, spelling and reading required of pupils. The Headmasters' Conference (HMC), which represents 238 senior private schools, said the proposed curriculum for pupils aged 5 to 16 was too prescriptive and questioned whether it would raise standards.

The hostile response from such an influential quarter will add to the pressure on John Patten, the education secretary, to rewrite proposals already subject to widespread criticism. Earlier this month, 600 university English teachers described the plans as philistine and said that they threatened to reduce a living language to a dead one.

A letter to Mr Patten today, signed by 4,000 English teachers, rejects the proposals as a backward step and demands that they be withdrawn. "The combination of a shallow and reductive curriculum with oversimplified testing will destroy the spirit of intellectual enquiry which underpins good teaching and effective learning," the letter says.

Ministers believe that the original curriculum, which became law three years ago, lacked rigour. The new proposals lay down in unprecedented detail the grammar and punctuation that all state school pupils must know by set ages and recommend an extensive list of classical literature.

The HMC, in its submission to the National Curriculum Council, said it was unenthusiastic about the list of more than 200 suggested books for given ages. It criticised the down-grading of drama in the curriculum, but was broadly supportive of plans to tighten the teaching of standard English and said that children should be taught to use language appropriate for their situation.

In conclusion, the HMC expressed "substantial disappointment" with the proposals and urged Mr Patten to make further refinements before presenting them to Parliament.

Ian Small, headmaster of Bootham School, York, who drafted the HMC submission, described the English proposals as profoundly disappointing. "It cannot be often that HMC, the Girls' School Association, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers line up so closely together in expressing concern," he said.

Pupils find place in the Sun for Delors

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

JACQUES Delors is a French footballer or the editor of *The Sun*, as far as one in five primary school children are concerned. Barely more than a quarter recognise him as the president of the European Commission, which is not surprising since two-thirds do not know that the European Community exists.

A survey of 300 British children aged between 8 and 12, published yesterday, showed more enthusiasm for Europe than knowledge about it: nearly all wanted to visit another European country and to learn a different language; nine out of ten knew the meaning of *bonjour*; and most could identify the German flag. Butfaced with a multiple-choice questionnaire, four out of ten identified the ERM as a European road map; almost a quarter thought the ecu was a French taxi; and one in five thought Holland was another name for Denmark.

The study, carried out by Professor Gordon Bell, of Nottingham Trent University, was commissioned by Shell UK to highlight the need for a European education pack for primary schools. Teaching materials for classrooms throughout Europe have been developed in a project at the university.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pilots' deal ends BA strike fear

British Airways averted the prospect of summer flight disruption by signing a compromise agreement on pay and conditions with its pilots yesterday. BA pilots working at Gatwick will have the same contracts as colleagues based at Heathrow although they will be paid less.

BA has now resolved six out of seven disputes with its staff over moves to cut costs at its loss-making Gatwick operation. The seventh involves a 3 per cent pay offer to Gatwick employees which is being discussed by union leaders.

Aids mix-up

Police in Brighton who seized "obscene" postcards depicting two men having sex had to hand them back after learning they were funded by East Sussex Health Authority in an Aids awareness campaign.

Child attacks

Police in Kent have warned shoppers to be alert after four sexual assaults on children by a man who accosted them outside supermarkets across the county.

Post holder

Christian Shepherd has become Britain's first human post box, standing for an hour a day in Wimborne, Dorset, with an open sack while the real post box is repaired.

Mucky break

A layer of effluent in a concrete tank is thought to have saved the life of Arthur Berry, 53, after it broke his fall at a sewage plant in Bournemouth, Dorset.

Red balloon

One of 3,000 gas-filled balloons released at Nant-y-Moel Primary School in Mid Glamorgan was picked up by a hotel worker in Peking.

Student alert

French students in Plymouth have been issued with a guide on avoiding violence after attacks on foreigners.

Baldness 'caused suicide'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN obsessed with his baldness committed suicide after a variety of lotions and treatments failed to halt his hair loss, an inquest was told yesterday. Roy White, 43, civil servant, could not come to terms with his receding hairline and talked about the subject compulsively, the coroner's court in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, was told.

He developed insomnia and was prescribed tranquillizers. Eventually, he drove to a lonely country lane a few miles from his home in Hitchin, where he took a lethal mixture of alcohol and drugs before gassing himself with his car's exhaust. He left a suicide note to his wife, Linda, 41, who told the inquest: "He fell into a depression totally associated with the fact that he was going bald.

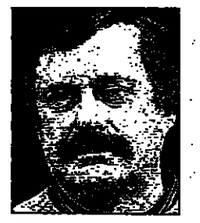
"He had a hair transplant but stopped physical exercise like playing squash and cycling and went to a doctor for the first time in years for sleeping pills. He talked continually about his baldness." She added: "He was very concerned with getting old and presumably this was a symptom of it."

The coroner, Dr John Vick, who recorded a verdict of suicide, said: "Mr White's baldness had obviously caused him severe distress and led him into depression."

A distressing portrayal of New Woman at her worst

Oleanna

First Night



BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

ANYBODY who reads the arts pages will know by now that *Oleanna* is David Mamet's attack on the McCarthyite feminism currently sinking its nails into American academia. What I had not realised until I saw Harold Pinter's taut, expertly acted production at the Royal Court last night was how disturbing and distressing a play it is.

Arthur Miller's *Crucible*, which involved an older sort of all-American witch-hunt, allowed its hero to keep his integrity and dignity as he went to the gallows. *Oleanna* may not end with a death: but it leaves its protagonist humiliated and broken, preparing to denounce himself and his books, like a dunce-hatted penitent at a Maoist rally.

Paranoid stuff? Maybe. Not long ago, I taught at one of the more politically correct American universities. I can recall being harangued at a curriculum meeting for failing to agree that the tenth-century nun Hroswitha "or another woman", should join Shakespeare, Ibsen and Chekhov as compulsory reading for drama majors.

I remember the howls of humourless ire when a boy asked me in class if Mrs Thatcher took testosterone. But I never felt what Mamet implies here: that a wise professor should have his interviews with students videotaped, lest a well-meant pat or friendly word be interpreted as indecent assault or worse. Yet *Oleanna* is observant, vivid and (more surprisingly) measured enough to convince me that such events are far from impossible.

Watch David Suchet's harassed John earnestly helping Lia Williams's Carol, who, ironically in view of his belief that orthodox teaching makes students feel stupid, has completely failed to understand his lectures.

Watch Williams, wary and unhappy and uncomprehending as he tries to share her sense of inadequacy and explain his maverick philosophy, fobbing off urgent telephone calls about the house he is buying. What chance of human connection here?

At the end of act one, though, the extent of their disconnection is not evident. You could leave for an interval drink admiring the nimble dialogue but thinking it lacking in punch. But from then on the blows rain down.

Act two begins after Carol has reported John for harassment to the committee considering his tenure, continues with her upping the charge to rape when he frantically stops her leaving his office and ends with her presenting him with her final demands — oddly impervious, now she and her "group" have won, to the physical assault that at long last comes.

Suchet gives a fine, true performance of a man clinging desperately to the values his foe rejects as patriarchal. Williams's task is harder, for she must change from an upset dimwit to an articulate feminist.

If she does not quite make the transition, she resists the obvious temptation, which is to offer us an apprentice witch auditioning for a permanent place by the pot. Her Carol uncynically believes that what John sees as concern for his pupils is really love of power, show and long words; and she is not utterly wrong.

That makes for a more even-handed play, but, paradoxically, one with yet more force. For Mamet, this is the New Woman, and she is prepared to do the most ugly, ruinous things with the most serene of consciences.

Am I glad I no longer teach in an American university? You bet.

87% of Britons are at risk from heart disease

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE government issued an alarming snapshot of Britain's health yesterday, showing that only one person in eight has none of the main risk factors connected with either heart disease or a stroke.

Too many people are overweight, smoke, take no exercise, and suffer from high blood pressure and high cholesterol. However, Professor Kenneth Calman, the chief medical officer, conceded that, despite these figures, heart disease rates are falling.

Urging the nation to do better, Professor Calman issued a challenge. His list of "small steps" that people should take to improve their health includes eating greens, walking up stairs instead of taking the lift, and grilling rather than frying food. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said she would replace biscuits by fruit at meetings next week, have two alcohol-free days and walk up the four flights of stairs to her office once a day, instead of taking the lift.

Professor Larry Ramsay, of the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, who has studied the effects of diet on cholesterol, doubted that small changes in diet would have any worthwhile effect. Changes in diet would make a trivial difference of perhaps 1 per cent in cholesterol levels, he said.

The survey was carried out by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys as part of the government's "Health of the Nation" initiative. A total of 3,300 adults were interviewed between September and December 1991 to provide the baseline from which to monitor trends in the nation's health. Among the more striking findings is the increase in people who are overweight.

Since 1986-7, the proportion of obese men between 16 and 64 has risen from 7 per cent to 13 per cent, and women from 12 to 15 per cent. Among all adults, 16 per cent of men and 17 per cent of women had raised blood pressure, and only a quarter were taking drugs to lower it. Only 20 per cent of men and 17 per cent of women exercised three times a week or more.

The figures on cholesterol showed that 69 per cent of men and 70 per cent of women have cholesterol levels above the desirable level of 5.2 millimoles per litre of blood. But Professor Ramsay questioned the wisdom of quoting such figures. "It's a quite unrealistic notion to suppose that our population average could get down to 5.2 — if the department believes that, it's living in a world that doesn't exist."

Professor Calman insisted that big changes of lifestyle were not needed to reduce risks. "It is obviously a cause for concern that so few people are completely 'risk free' from coronary heart disease."

In 1970, 244 people per 100,000 died from coronary heart disease and 145 per 100,000 from strokes. In 1991 those figures were down to 206 and 87 respectively.

20 STEPS TO A HEALTHIER LIFE

- ☐ Take the stairs instead of the lift or escalator
- ☐ Exercise — cycle, jog, swim or dance
- ☐ Walk, don't ride. Get off one stop early and walk
- ☐ Grill rather than fry food
- ☐ Cut the fat off meat
- ☐ Change to skimmed or semi-skimmed milk
- ☐ Eat your greens — plenty of vegetables or salad every day
- ☐ Watch how much you eat — think twice before seconds
- ☐ Try fresh fruit instead of cake or biscuits
- ☐ Have fish instead of meat once a week
- ☐ Be drinkwise — have at least two alcohol-free days a week
- ☐ Give up smoking or set a day to stop
- ☐ Protect children from smoke — vital for pregnant mothers
- ☐ Fit a smoke alarm — the price of a pint and 40 cigarettes
- ☐ Check that your home is accident-proof
- ☐ Don't drink and drive
- ☐ Always wear your seatbelt
- ☐ Watch your speed and teach children road safety
- ☐ Protect yourself from sun — use sunscreen and wear a hat
- ☐ Reduce your stress — take a ten-minute time-out every day

Cigarette law 'fails children'

BY JAMES LANDALE

LAWS curbing the illegal sale of cigarettes to children under 16 are not being enforced, according to a report published yesterday, which says that local authorities have neither the money nor the personnel to carry out prosecutions and magistrates are failing to impose large fines.

More than 250,000 children are sold cigarettes illegally every year, according to a survey by MORI. However, the report by Parents Against Tobacco says that local authorities have carried out only 84 prosecutions since the law was tightened in 1991.

Jane Dunmore, director of the group, said: "The report shows that thousands of retailers are still breaking the law by selling cigarettes to the under-16s. We believe it is very important that this legislation is enforced."

☐ Babies of mothers who smoke are 30 per cent more likely to develop asthma by the time they are 16, according to researchers at Nottingham University.



Rare pair: Caroline Conner, 21, a big cat keeper, cuddling two Asiatic lion cubs being hand-reared at London zoo. Six-week-old Bellamy, left, and his unnamed half-sister, eight weeks, are among 400 Asiatic lions left in the world

BMA elects vocal critic of reforms

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE leader of Britain's doctors was deposed yesterday in a contest for control of the British Medical Association which has exposed deep differences among doctors over how to respond to the National Health Service reforms.

Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, 58, chairman of the association's ruling council for three years, lost his bid for re-election after accusations that he had shown ineffective leadership and was "going soft" on the reforms. Dr Lee-Potter had claimed that his quieter approach to the job helped to mend fences with ministers.

He was replaced by Dr Alexander Macara, 61, a senior member of the association, a medico-politician of long standing and a public health specialist at the University of Bristol. He won a vote by the association's 57-member council by a margin of 2-1. His election signals a tougher stance by the association to government policy on the health service. He is known to be disturbed by the association's low-key approach and favours a national campaign to highlight the problems of GP fundholding.

Dr Macara, a Scot, is expected to be more vocal than his predecessor on issues such as health service under-funding and the internal market after criticism that the BMA was not adequately reflecting doctors' frustrations.

Dr Macara later told journalists that he hoped to arrange an early meeting with Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary. He said: "I fear that the Secretary of State gets false reassurances from her courtiers who tell her what she wants to hear. We have to have consistent and vigorous proposals to persuade her to re-examine the evidence for change."

Dr Macara said that there would be no change of association policy under his leadership. He denied that he planned a more confrontational approach than Dr Lee-Potter, but said that there would be a change of style.

Dr Macara is best known in the association for his seven years as chairman of the medical ethics committee, and has more than 20 years' experience in various senior positions in the association. He also holds several other senior medical positions, serving as director of a World Health Organisation group on environmental health and ecology, and secretary-general of the World Federation for Education and Research in Public Health.

He is married to the deputy head of a girls' school and has two teenage children.



Lee-Potter: accused of "going soft" on reforms

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Best buys are meat and summer treats

THE price of meat has again been sliced this week. Gateway has a whole leg of lamb at £1.88 per lb, a saving of 80p, while Asda has reduced lamb steaks by 30p, to £3.38 per lb.

Safeway is offering one bottle of champagne free for every three bought on selected lines, including Moët & Chandon (£19.49 a bottle) and Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut (£21.75). At Harrods, fresh strawberries dipped in milk or white chocolate are 60p each, strawberry and champagne conserve is £1.90 a jar. Strawberries are now averaging 99p to £1.20 per lb.

Among the week's best seafish buys are lobster and crab, with Scottish lobster around £7 per lb, and the small sweet hen crabs available for about £1.85 per lb. Sardines are in plentiful supply at about £1.20 per lb.

Fat juicy Spanish plums (45p to 60p per lb) and fresh apricots, also from Spain and between 45p and 60p per lb, are among some of the best fruit bargains.

This week's best buys:

☐ Asda: lamb steaks, £3.38 per lb; turkey breast steaks, £1.89 per lb; frozen garlic-basted chicken, £2.39 each; yellow melons, 49p each; Packham pears, 28p per lb.

☐ Gateway & Somerfield: chicken drumsticks, 99p per lb; fresh rainbow trout, £1.85 per lb; ten peaches, 98p; large pineapple, 99p; new potatoes, 5p per lb.

☐ Harrods: whole plaice, £2.60 per lb; York ham, £5.95 per lb; turkey pastrami with dill, £7.95 per lb; white asparagus, £7.50 per lb; small Cyprus apricots, £2.50 per lb.

☐ Iceland: four prime pork chops, £1.59; minced beef, £2.99 for 3¾lb; chicken quarters, £2.99 for 5lb; oriental vegetable mix, £1.29 for 2lb.

☐ Safeway: Porterhouse steak, £4.75 per lb; Italian ham, 85p per lb; galia melons, 69p each; cherries, £1.59 per lb; salad onions, 39p a bunch; red peppers, 99p per lb.

☐ Sainsbury's: fresh sirloin steak, £3.95 per lb; four boneless chicken breasts, £2.95; frozen lean beef mince, £1.99 per lb; new potatoes, 9p per lb; oranges, 9p each.

☐ Tesco: pork loin steaks, £2.18 per lb; fillet steak, £6.98 per lb; cod fillet loin, £2.99 per lb; salmon steaks, £3.95 per lb; large galia melon, 99p each.

☐ Waitrose: lamb shoulder chops, £1.99 per lb; beef prime mince, £1.59 per lb; pork spare rib chops, £1.49 per lb; Canadian lobster, £5.95 each. Red Delicious apples, 29p per lb.

IS AN OUTRAGE LESS OUTRAGEOUS IN JULY THAN IN OCTOBER?

Last October the Government announced its intention to close 31 of British Coal's 50 pits.

There was an immediate sense of outrage throughout the country and the Government appeared to back down.

A parliamentary committee (with a majority of Tory MPs) showed that there was a future for British coal.

And in March, the Government published a white paper that seemed to offer a reprieve for at least 12 of the threatened pits.

But now, just nine months after the national outcry at the original pit closure plans, and a mere three months after the white paper, the situation is actually worse.

The Government has sanctioned the closure of three of the pits apparently reprieved in March.

Three more are expected to close soon after, and the remainder within six months.

Worse still, it is widely accepted that, not 31, but 38 pits will be closed by the end of next year.

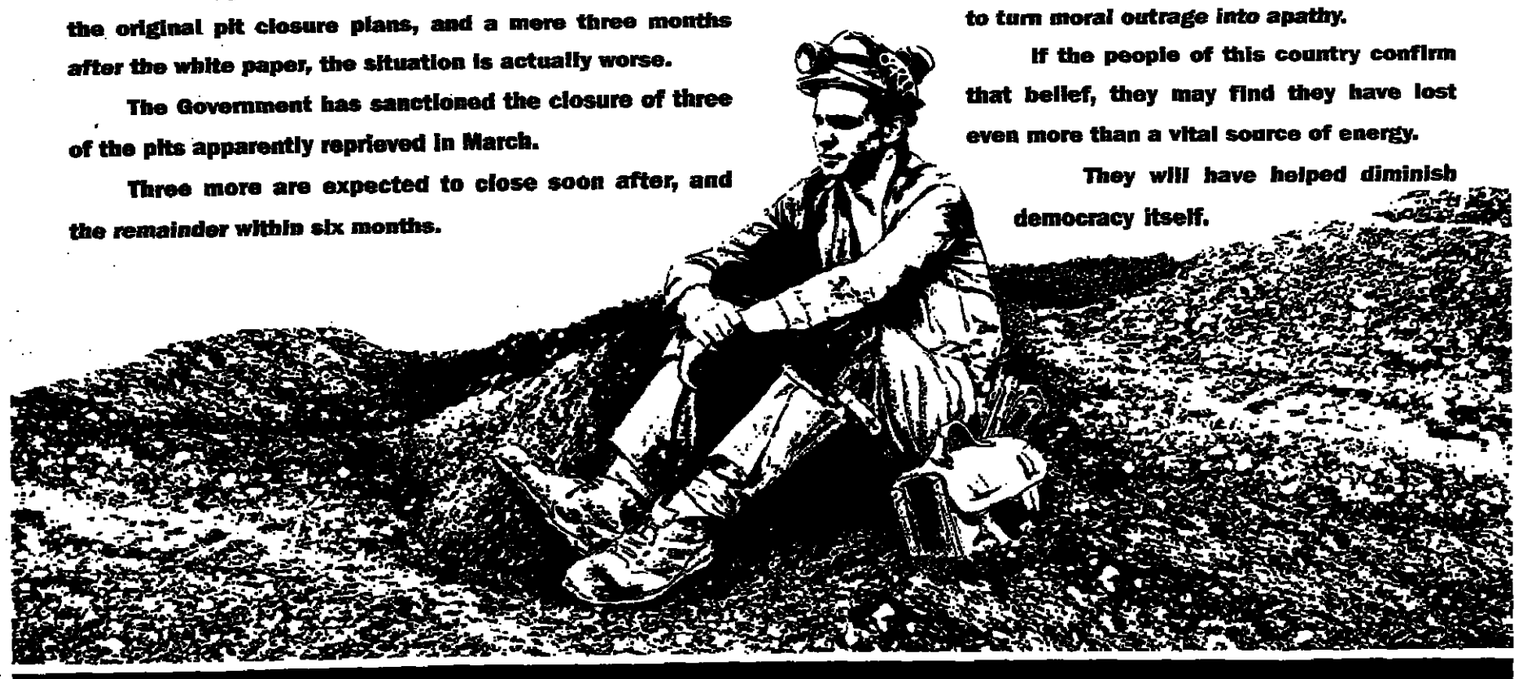
Many Conservative MPs now openly acknowledge that the Government misled them in order to get the white paper accepted. They say they would not have voted for it if they had known the truth.

More significantly, Government action has betrayed the nation by disregarding our future energy needs.

Yet the Government cynically believes that the simple lapse of time between October and July has been enough to turn moral outrage into apathy.

If the people of this country confirm that belief, they may find they have lost even more than a vital source of energy.

They will have helped diminish democracy itself.



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Gloomy poll reflects unhappiness of Tory voters

New setback for Major as rating hits a record low

BY PETER RIDDELL

JOHN Major's personal rating has fallen to a record low as fewer than half even of those who still support the Tories are now satisfied with his performance as prime minister.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* makes gloomy reading for Mr Major personally as he seeks to rebuild his political position after the setbacks of the past year. The findings also underline the Tories' difficulties ahead of the Christchurch by-election, expected to be called for July 29.

Mr Major is not alone since the ratings of most of the world leaders attending next week's annual economic summit in Tokyo have fallen in recent months. The standings of the former Canadian prime minister and the outgoing Japanese one were even lower before relinquishing office.

Less than a fifth of the public are now satisfied with how Mr Major is doing his job. The current satisfaction rating of 19 per cent, down two points over the past month, compares with well over 50 per cent at the time of last year's general election.

Nearly three-quarters of the public are dissatisfied with his record, a figure only briefly exceeded by Baroness Thatcher in the spring of 1990. Equally striking is the extent of disillusionment among the smaller number of those saying they support the Tories, now just 28 per cent of the total. Even amongst these, only 48 per cent say they are satisfied with how Mr Major is doing his job. Some 45 per cent are dissatisifed.

The index measuring those satisfied less dissatisfied among Tory supporters alone has declined from plus 26 points last March to only plus three points now.

Just one in ten of voters are satisfied with the way the government is running the country with 84 per cent dissatisfied. This is near the previous low point of last October. Only 30 per cent of Tory supporters are satisfied with the government's record, and 60 per cent are dissatisfied. These findings tie in with reports by MPs of unhappiness among local constituency activists.

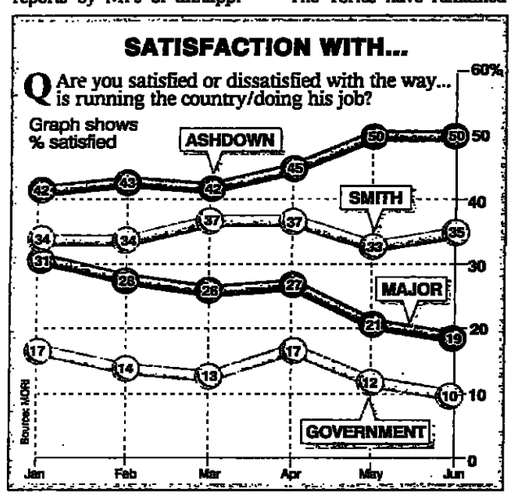
Even when the Tories were very unpopular in 1981, satisfaction with the government's record remained at around a fifth. The first low point of satisfaction with Lady Thatcher was a quarter at the end of 1981. She was then the least popular prime minister in polling history. Her rating later fell to a low of about a fifth in spring 1990.

Despite the further decline in satisfaction with the government and Mr Major, and the drop in the economic optimism index, there has been little change over the past month in the parties' ratings.

The Tories have remained at 28 per cent, compared with 43 per cent at the April 1992 election, while Labour has reversed the two-point decline recorded at the end of May and is now back up to 46 per cent. This compares with 35 per cent at the election. Support for the Liberal Democrats has slipped a point to 23 per cent over the month, though is still five points up on the election share of 18 per cent.

The strong showing by Labour is not reflected in John Smith's rating which has been negative for the past two months. The index measuring those satisfied less dissatisfied is now minus seven points compared with minus eight at the end of May. Just over a half of Labour supporters are satisfied with his performance as Labour leader.

Paddy Ashdown continues to enjoy the most favourable ratings of any party leader. Half the public, and four-fifths of Liberal Democrat supporters, are satisifed with the way he is doing his job, while only just over a quarter of voters are dissatisfied.



□ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,851 adults aged over 18 at 147 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on June 24 to 28. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent), are undecided (6 per cent) or refuse to name a party (2 per cent).*
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Major's slump, page 1

Economic optimism slumps again

FEWER people are now optimistic about the outlook for the British economy over the next 12 months than were earlier in the spring, while concern has also grown about unemployment. The latest MORI poll for *The Times* suggests that some of the hopes of economic recovery recorded in April and May have now faded.

The economic optimism index, which measures those thinking that the economic condition of the country will improve less those who think it will get worse, stands at minus seven points. This is the first negative since March and follows figures of plus 14 and plus three points at the end of April and May. The index was heavily negative throughout the autumn and the winter as the recession dragged on.

The detailed figures show that the reversal of the spring upturn has occurred particularly among older people, the middle classes and those living in the south of England.

These findings are reinforced by the separate question asking what are the most important issues facing Britain today. Seven in ten think unemployment is among the most important issues and nearly a half regard it as most important. Over the past month there has also been a rise from 30 to 36 per cent in the proportion referring to the economy as among the most important issues.

Fear of unemployment also features prominently when people are asked which of a series of issues are seen as major problems facing them or their immediate families. Nearly three in ten mention employment prospects for their children. However, the proportion rises to nearly a half among 35- to 44-year-olds, who are most likely to have children about to leave school and enter the labour market. More than a quarter of the public refer to fear of unemployment.



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Supporting role: a young Sir Alec Douglas-Home with Neville Chamberlain on the day war was declared in 1939

Aristocrat of a civilised era

■ **Robert Rhodes James pays tribute to Alec Douglas-Home, our oldest surviving prime minister, who is 90 today**

Lord Home of the Hirsel — Alec Douglas-Home — who is 90 today, occupies a very special place in British political history.

It is tempting to adopt a cricketing image, of the Gentleman elegantly sauntering to the crease, and then languidly and effortlessly showing the Players something about quality and style. As he was in his prime a superb cricketer, it is not a bad analogy, but the reality is somewhat deeper, and rather more complex.

It will be the task of his future biographer, D. R. Thorpe, to assess the importance of his agonising illness during the war, when he had time to think, read and reflect, and the influence of his wife, Elizabeth. Those who know him best would rate their significance very great, and that of his parents and family.

He was devoted to, and proud of, his very different brother William, whose play *The Chiltern Hundreds* drew heavily and with wild exaggeration upon a family who, although Scots, seemed to have a very particular English dottiness, allegedly shooting rabbits out of the study window and finding the butler elected to Parliament.

But it was not only the playwright who had inherited the family sense of humour and somewhat sardonic view of life, as Harold Wilson was to discover to his cost. It is sometimes said that Rab Butler was the last genuinely amusing major British politician. Without taking anything away from Rab's justified reputation for original, and too often caustic, humour, Alec Home's claims cannot be overlooked. Both were devoted Christians, and very serious politicians, but with an enjoyment of life — and not least the countryside and country pursuits — that seems to have passed by too many of our current public figures.

Of course, they had known each other since they entered the Commons so long ago, Rab in 1929 and Alec in 1931. But whereas Rab had quickly achieved significant office, Alec's height before the war was as parliamentary private secretary to Neville Chamberlain, and he never permitted his loyalty and affection to that controversial man to colour his judgment. They were on the same side over Munich (and, in my view, the wrong one) but this never did to Alec the lasting harm it did to Rab.

Perhaps this was because Alec, after his defeat in the 1945 general election and his succession to his father as the 14th Earl of Home in 1951, was never considered a future prime minister, whereas Rab certainly was. Alec then proceeded to acquire senior ministerial posts without anyone particularly noticing, until Macmillan caused a sensation, and a ferocious row in the Commons, by appointing him foreign secretary in 1960. But even then, before Viscount Stansgate, aka Anthony Wedgwood Benn, won his battle to disclaim his peerage, the idea of the premiership seemed preposterous.

But, early in 1963, when the Macmillan government was in terrible difficulties, I had a glimpse of an episode that made me think.

The Conservative backbench foreign affairs committee was due to meet in committee room 14. It was profoundly unhappy about the African decolonisation policies of the government, and especially critical of Rab and Iain Macleod. It was clearly going to be a very tough meeting, and Michael Hamilton, then the Foreign Office whip, was nervously waiting in the corridor for the secretary of state.

He came down from the Lords casually and alone, without any notes or papers, bade Michael a genial good afternoon, and wandered into the lions' den with the air of a man without a care. Of course, I could not go in, but I heard a most remarkable roar of welcome, and thundering of hands on tables. Here was evidently that most rare of mortals, a cabinet minister popular with the Tory party.

It was that popularity that swelled up into a torrent of affection and respect in the extraordinary Blackpool party conference that October, after he had announced Macmillan's resignation, and that swept aside the legitimate hopes of Rab and Quintin Hailsham. It was because he did not *appear* to be reaching for the crown that was so appealing, although I was at the time, and remain, sceptical about his professed lack of ambition (and Elizabeth's).

As we know, his premiership was short-lived, and his subsequent unhappy period as leader of the Opposition even shorter. But the Conservatives so nearly won the 1964 election, after having seemed to have had no hope, and Alec left Number 10, and then the party leadership, with style and good humour, setting an example that has been singularly ill-followed. He served, with characteristic ability and loyalty, his successor as foreign secretary, before gracefully retiring from the Commons and returning to the congenial Lords.

His humour was seen and, blessedly, is still seen, both in public and in private, although his wife's death was a deep sadness. His immortal response to Harold Wilson's jibe about "the 14th Earl" — "Well, when you come to think of it, Mr Wilson is the 14th Mr Wilson" — is well known: less better known are the examples of his private wit. Duff Cooper once wrote of Lord Crewe that he felt in his presence "that I had been taken back into a more civilised century". That is exactly the impact of Alex Home.

□ *Sir Robert Rhodes James was Conservative MP for Cambridge, 1976-92*



Going foreign: in Arab dress in Cairo, 1971

The road to 10 Downing Street

ALEXANDER Frederick Douglas-Home's political career began after his education at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, when he was elected as Conservative MP for South Lanark in Scotland at the age of 28.

During the 1930s he became the private parliamentary secretary to Neville Chamberlain. He subsequently held a number of senior government posts, including foreign secretary, minister of state for Scotland and secretary of state for Commonwealth relations, before he became prime minister in October 1963.

In 1951 he succeeded his father as the 14th Earl of Home, but on becoming prime minister disclaimed his title. He was created Baron Home of the Hirsel in 1974.

After serving as MP for Lanarkshire he became the Tory member for Kinross and West Perthshire in 1950-1 and again from 1963-74.



New title: Lord Home of the Hirsel

Kinnock backs Smith against union attack

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock, the former Labour leader, yesterday delivered a scathing attack on trade union leaders who are trying to scupper John Smith's plans for reforming union links with the party.

He also criticised those, including Arthur Scargill, who are threatening to form a new party because Labour was moving too far to the right and betraying its "cloth cap" supporters. "The tiny few who yearn for palaeolithic policies have to be left to their worn-out war cries and their fantasies about new parties," he said. "When so many people who can genuinely be called working class have voted Tory so often, I'm still puzzled about the way some comrades can still pretend to themselves and their audiences that Labour has some sort of monopoly over a monolithic proletariat that doesn't exist and never has existed."

In his first important speech since he stood down as party leader last year, Mr Kinnock told the annual conference of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation in Bournemouth that it was a "legend" that Labour was dominated by the trade unions or that proposals to change rules for selecting parliamentary candidates would weaken the bond between them.

Mr Kinnock's intervention comes as Mr Smith headed for defeat over his plans for one member one vote. Mr Kinnock is known to be opposed to any compromise over the proposals, which have already been deferred once because Mr Smith felt they would not get through last year's party conference.

Together with Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, Mr Kinnock believes that Mr Smith should tough it out and confront the unions at the conference even at the risk of defeat. They are trying to counter other factions of the national executive and shadow cabinet who are pressing for Mr Smith to climb down.

Mr Kinnock, said that a move to one member one vote was an essential step for a democratic party.

Howard vows to make criminals fear the law

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

MICHAEL Howard is to press ahead as quickly as possible with legislation giving the courts power to hold persistent young offenders in secure units.

The home secretary, opening a Commons debate on law and order, said that the habit of young offenders to go on offending must be broken. "I attach the highest priority to dealing with this problem and I will be bringing the necessary legislation before this House very soon to set up secure training centres.

"Juveniles who persist in anti-social behaviour in this way must be brought to fear — fear being caught and fear being dealt with effectively and severely."

Mr Howard explained to told MPs why he had changed his mind on capital punishment. He said that after the Birmingham Six had been freed two years ago he had changed his mind on capital punishment and was now against it.

He said that he had justified his previous stance on the basis that a wide-ranging appeal process would effectively eliminate the risk of a miscarriage of justice. However, precisely that kind of procedure was adopted in the Birmingham Six case and it failed to identify irregularities. "It was that which led me to re-examine my position," he said.

Mr Howard, who is a lawyer, said that he was determined to ensure that the criminal justice process worked effectively and efficiently. "It must become less of a game of cat and mouse between prosecution and defence and more, much more, a way of establishing guilt or innocence."

He said that one of the worst aspects of the remorseless rise in crime was that people began to feel that nothing could be done. He did not believe it had to be that way.

"I want to help to create an atmosphere in which it is criminals who are frightened, and not members of the public," Mr Howard said.

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Novices meet veterans in Times final

BY IAN MURRAY

TRURO and Haberdashers' Aske's schools face each other in today's final of *The Times* British Schools Chess Championships.

The teams from Cornwall and Hertfordshire emerged victorious from yesterday's tough semi-finals in the Charing Cross Hotel, London.

Truro will be appearing in the finals for the second year running and the fact that five members of last year's team were in the side proved decisive in the 4-2 victory over Manchester Grammar School.

The other semi-final, between Haberdashers' and Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, was a much closer affair, with the Elstree school eventually winning 3½-2½.

Today's final will pit the most experienced competitors against the least experienced, but after the way in which the young Haberdashers' team played in the semi-finals, the outcome is far from foregone conclusion.

The four teams had battled through from a field of 400 in 25 regional zones.

Newcastle, one of last year's finalists, had managed to avoid meeting its bogey side, Truro, which beat it last year, but this time went down to Haberdashers', making a first appearance for many years at this stage.

David Cooper, the master in charge of the Haberdashers' side, found his loyalties divided, as he ran the Newcastle team until moving south five years ago and knows all the players in both teams.

Truro was up against a team with one of the most consistent records in the 36-year history of the competition, but experience overcame reputation.

Many of Britain's leading players gained some of their first competition experience in *The Times* tournament. Nigel Short reached the final with Bolton Grammar School in 1979, when he played on the losing side.

Julian Hodgson, the current British champion, was a member of a winning team from St Paul's, which has won the competition a record nine times.

Michael Adams, the highest rated player after Short, was a member of the Truro team only four years ago.

Winning move, page 40

SIMON WALKER



Eyes down: Andrew Ram, from the victorious Haberdashers' Aske's team, weighs up his next move in the match against Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

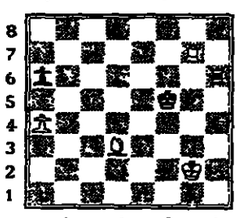
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Garry Kasparov is now ensconced in his pre-world championship training camp at Brioni in Northern Croatia. Practising for his title defence against Nigel Short. Holed up with the champion is his chief adviser and guru, Zurab Azmaiparashvili. Today we see Kasparov's mental mentor in action.

White: Zurab Azmaiparashvili
Black: Artur Yusupov
Gran Canaria 1993
King's Indian Attack

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6	Ngf3	0-0	36	Bxe4	Rgxe3	8	0-0	Na6
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27	gxf5	gxf5				29	Rf2	h4
28	Nxd6	e4				30	Bf1	h3
29	Nxe4	bxe4				31	gxh3	Nc5
30	Be6+	Kh7				32	e5	Qg7
						33	Kh1	Nxh3
						34	Bxh3	Rxh3+
						35	Rf2	Rxf2+
						36	Kxh2	Qg3+
						White resigns		

Diagram for final position



a b c d e f g h

Times readers beat world champions

In response to my request for Times readers' victories against world champions, Peter Aldridge of Cardiff has sent along his win against Vassily Smyslov from 1977.

White: Vassily Smyslov
Black: Peter Alldridge
London University Simultaneous Display 1977
King's Indian Defence

1	c4	g6
2	Nc3	Bg7

Championship update

The Savoy Hotel and Simpsons-in-the-Strand, Britain's traditional home of chess have together devised a series of corporate and individual programmes combining fine dining and tickets to the championship. For information call the Savoy Group Priority line on 071 872 8080.

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Labour falls into trap of quotas for women MPs

Labour is getting into a ridiculous, and potentially damaging, tangle over the advance of women politicians. In the name of sex equality, it is adopting quotas which have proved so divisive in America.

The dispute goes to the heart of how a liberal democracy works. As Labour MP John Spellar said on the BBC's *World at One* yesterday, the distinction is between equality of opportunity and equality of outcome. The former has been a central tenet of British politics since equal voting rights were introduced in the late 1920s.

Quotas, however, seek not just to give everyone an equal chance but also to affect the result. They reinforce separate racial and other identities, the essence of political correctness. In America, that has meant allotting places in schools and colleges and in employment for women, blacks, hispanics and others. Under legislation intended to end discrimination against blacks in southern states, electoral boundaries were redrawn last year with the goal of creating black or hispanic majority districts. That has now been questioned by the Supreme Court.



Taylor: one of four on shadow cabinet

In Britain, quotas have on the whole been resisted. The emphasis has been on removing specific barriers and assisting people to advance — via, for example, networking organisations such as the 300 Group to promote more women MPs. Before the last election Labour changed its rules to ensure the inclusion of at least one woman on every short list. As women MPs often rightly argue, the Commons itself still has much to do to change its working practices and hours to accommodate female, and male, MPs with young families.

The balance is already changing. The three main parties picked 341 women candidates last year, against 243 in 1987. The number of Labour women candidates rose by roughly a half to 138. A record total of 60 women MPs, including 37 from Labour, were elected last year, compared with 41 in 1987 and just 19 in 1979.

Labour is now seeking to go much further. The proposals, approved by the national executive committee on Wednesday and likely to be endorsed by the party conference, would require women-only shortlists in half of all seats where sitting Labour MPs are retiring or where the party reckons it can win. The aim is to double the number of women Labour MPs after the next election. This violates the principle of choosing people on the basis of who can do the best job, and may be resented by voters.

Hostility to quotas has been reflected in the debates in the parliamentary Labour party (PLP) over elections to the shadow cabinet. MPs are already required to pick at least three women out of 18 possible votes — in what one senior Labour leader dismissively refers to as the "assisted places" scheme. A proposal to raise that to four was rejected last week by the PLP. Under the current rules, four women were elected to the shadow cabinet last year, Ann Taylor, Harriet Harman, Ann Clywd and Marjorie Mowlam, in addition to deputy leader Margaret Beckett. With one exception, or perhaps one and a half, they have proved to be disappointments, either out of their depth or failing to exploit ministers' weaknesses.

These criticisms are resented by women as part of a male whispering campaign. They fairly point to the inadequacies of some men on the shadow cabinet. The creation of separate female voting has perversely made women less equal. There are many talented women MPs, notably in the 1992 intake. They should advance on the basis of ability, not sex. Quotas are a delusion and a trap.

PETER RIDDELL

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The week in Parliament

The main business in Parliament is expected to be:

House of Commons
Today (9.30): Private member's bill: right to know bill, remaining stages.
Monday: Debate on Opposition motion on the mining industry.
Tuesday and Wednesday: European parliamentary elections bill, committee and remaining stages.
Thursday: Debates on occupational pensions including contribution to Maxwell pensioners' trust, and on education spending.
Friday: Debate on tourism and deregulation.

House of Lords
Monday: Railways bill, committee, continued.
Tuesday: Education bill, third reading.
Wednesday: Railways bill, committee, continued.
Thursday: Leasehold reform, housing and urban development bill, Commons amendments. National lottery bill, committee.
Friday: Northern Ireland order. Question about Lloyds of London.

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Bonn in a muddle as new curbs on asylum go into effect

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ New German asylum rules will turn neighbouring nations into a waiting room for refugees. Worse, Germany could become a country of police raids

THE first victims of Germany's new, stricter asylum rules were huddled yesterday in small groups in Frankfurt airport, guarding their bags and waiting for an all-too-quick decision on their refugee status.

The Tamil families from Sri Lanka, drained by hours of flying, have not heard about the rules that are supposed to stem the annual flow of hundreds of thousands of refugees into Germany. The move was a controversial one — Germany committed itself after the second world war to accepting all political refugees as a means of atonement for the Nazi era. But the strain of accommodating so many, especially from the Balkans in the past two years, proved too much; asylum-seekers competing for cheap housing and low-paid jobs were seen as a direct threat by unemployed young Germans, some of whom have swollen the ranks of neo-Nazi parties.



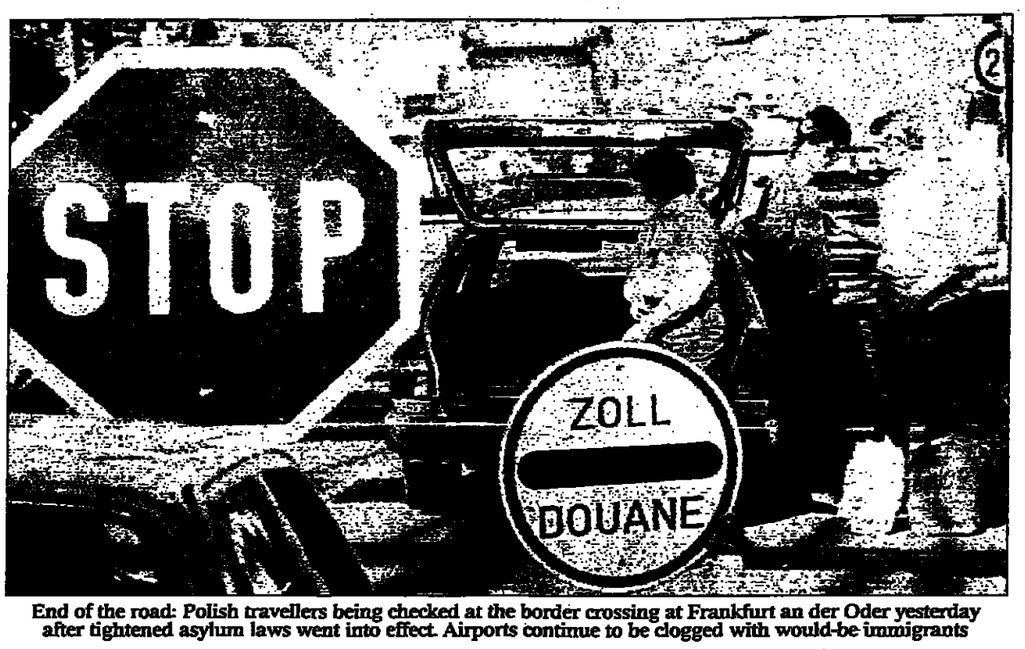
Seiters: Germany still big haven for refugees

The constitutional amendments tightening the asylum rules were passed last month after long negotiation between the parties. The interior minister, Rudolf Seiters, then started to work out with representatives of the provincial governments how the regulations should be implemented. But Herr Seiters has given a warning that, even with the stricter code, Germany will still be a leading recipient of refugees.

Neither the German authorities nor the refugee countries are quite ready for the practical implementation of the constitutional changes. From midnight yesterday the German authorities can reject immediately any refugee who enters Germany from a European Community state or a "secure third country". The secure third country means in practice Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries. If the refugees touch base there first, they should stay there, according to the new rules. That is putting an enormous strain on the Poles and the Czechs, who are having to reinforce their frontiers and face the prospect of becoming a waiting room for Balkan refugees marking time before entering Germany.

Bonn has offered grants to the Poles and the Czechs. Prague is demanding visas from Bosnians, Serbs, Armenians, Azerbaijanis, Georgians and Tajiks. Other nationals, such as Romanians, need a Czech sponsor, substantial cash and a return ticket.

There have been two immediate effects of the new rule. The first is that the price of smuggling refugees across the Polish-German and the Czech-German border has gone up. A few days ago £150 would have bought a guided passage across the Oder river. Now the fee has doubled, and so have the risks. The second effect is that many more European refugees — those aware of the new rule — are flying directly to German airports. They can still be turned back. The German authorities now have the right to process asylum applications on the spot. If they are turned away, the refugees can only appeal against the decision through a German consulate at home — hardly reassuring for Kurds or Bosnians. Even so, many refugees are willing to try their luck, hoping for a sympathetic judge or a way of prolonging their stay. The Germans, it emerged yesterday, are in no position to implement their regulations. According to Hermann Otto Solms, the Free Democrat parliamentary chief, German airports can barely accommodate refugees while they wait for their applications to be considered. Frankfurt airport is 600 beds short, Munich and Berlin are missing 40 beds. More important perhaps, only 1,800 judges have been earmarked to process asylum applications. About 30,000 people a month lodge applications.



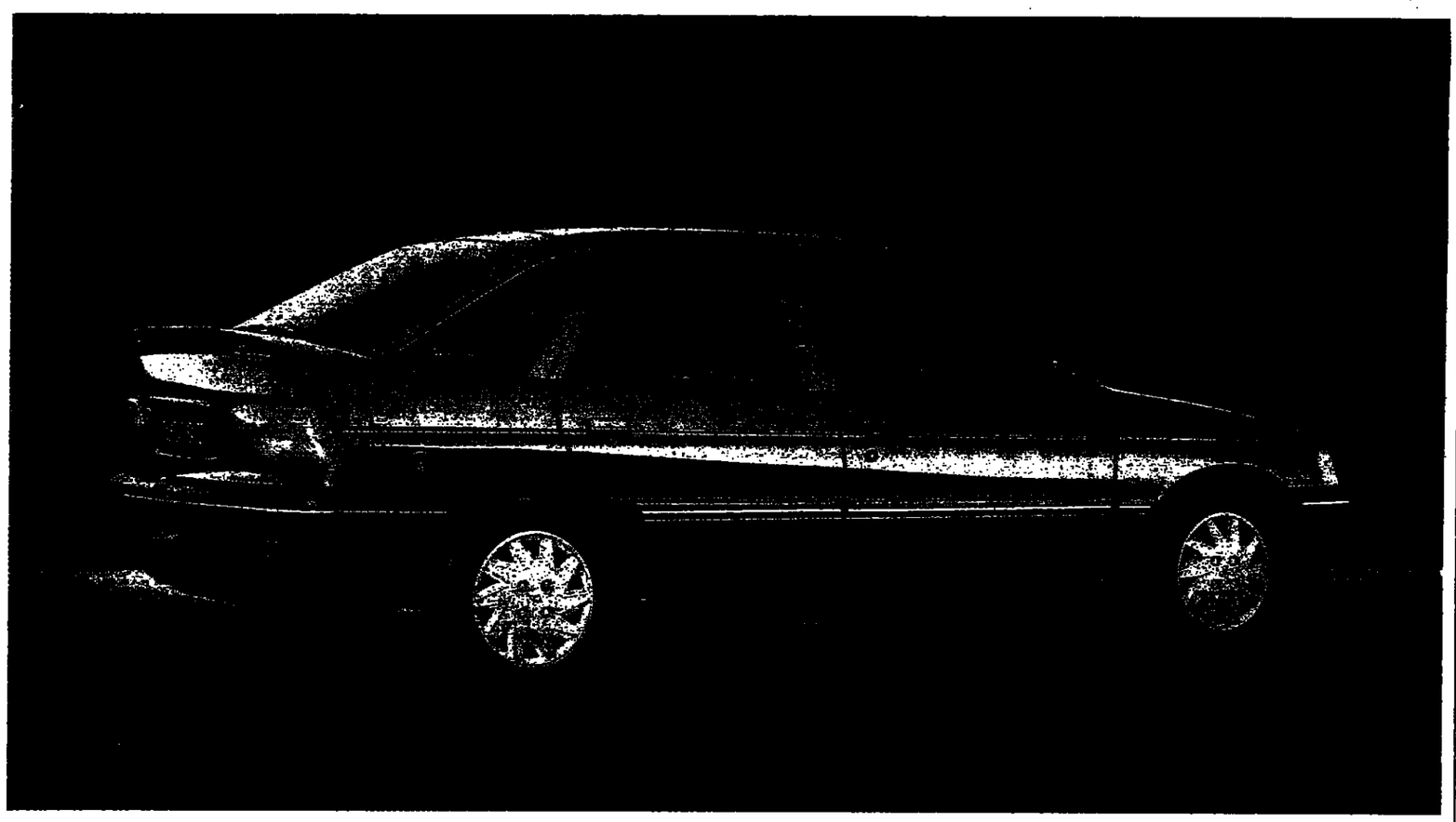
End of the road: Polish travellers being checked at the border crossing at Frankfurt an der Oder yesterday after tightened asylum laws went into effect. Airports continue to be clogged with would-be immigrants

The most determined refugees will almost certainly find a way into Germany and the EC. The difference is that, once caught, they will be far easier to expel. It is precisely this that worries human rights campaigners: to make the new regulations work, Germany will have to become a country of police raids on suspected employers or landlords of illegal immigrants.

□ **Irving banned:** David Irving, the British historian, was yesterday barred from using the German federal archives to complete his research on Josef Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister. A letter from the interior ministry directed the archives to withdraw Mr Irving's access because his work there could damage Germany's interests.

"I am absolutely furious," Mr Irving, speaking from Koblenz, said last night. "I told the deputy director of the archives that I would be withdrawing all the documents — there is a ton — that I have donated over the years."

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German judges decide debate on Maastricht

BY ROGER BOYES

GERMANY'S government yesterday sent two of its top ministers to persuade the constitutional court in Karlsruhe that the Maastricht treaty should be ratified. The high-level pleading reflected Bonn's nervousness that the court might declare the treaty unconstitutional or attach new conditions, such as a referendum, before approving it.

"This will be the debate that Germany never really had," one of the anti-Maastricht campaigners said outside the court. All the issues played out in the British Parliament and the Danish referendum campaign were repeated before the eight judges yesterday.

Critics of the treaty argued that basic German constitutional rights would be damaged, that the Bundestag would be robbed of power and that the future ordering of Europe fell well short of democracy.

Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, replied that Germany's constitution was one of the most open to European integration and that the Bundestag had approved the treaty by a large majority. Provincial governments, representing the states, had been fully consulted, and not ratifying the treaty would seriously damage German interests. "There must be no doubt about our reliability," he said.

The most closely argued point of the hearing was about the deutschmark. An opinion poll yesterday showed that 59 per cent of Germans oppose a unified European currency.

Theo Waigel, the finance minister, tried to persuade the judges that Germany was sacrificing nothing in terms of economic sovereignty. "It simply does not square with reality. National monetary sovereignty is already de facto limited by the global context of our trading and financial relations. Monetary union in fact means an increase in our economic sovereignty. A larger monetary space would strengthen Europe's weight on monetary affairs and give it more bargaining power vis-à-vis the dollar and the yen."

But neither the Maastricht critics in Karlsruhe nor the German in the street seems entirely convinced. Indeed, the right-wing Republican party has made the protection of the mark one of its central planks in an effort to boost party membership.

Germany's national mood emerges quite clearly from yesterday's poll. An overwhelming majority (80 per cent) of people believe the Maastricht treaty can be accepted only after a referendum. A mere 16 per cent were satisfied with only parliament approving it. But, having won the right to a referendum, a majority (53 per cent) would vote for the treaty. In other words, Germans, even if decidedly not for a common currency, are basically for the treaty but believe they have been steamrollered by the politicians in Bonn.

The hearing ends today, but the court is not expected to deliver a verdict until September.



Kinkel: failure to ratify would harm country

Ciampi steps up sale of state firms

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, received a warm welcome in financial circles yesterday after he pledged to begin selling seven big state firms to the private sector within a month.

Signor Ciampi also intensified pressure on trade unions and employers to reach a new agreement on incomes policy, setting Saturday as a deadline for a new pay deal between the two sides. The former central bank governor hopes to reach a new accord on pay before he leaves for the G7 meeting in Tokyo next week.

His decision to accelerate the privatisation programme, a vital part of efforts to bring down the huge budget deficit and public debt, was hailed as a revolutionary move. On Wednesday evening, Signor Ciampi appointed a high-powered five-man committee headed by Mario Draghi, the treasury director-general, to oversee the disposals and begin the sales.

The companies are the pioneering oil giant Agip SpA, two banks — the Banca Commerciale Italiana and Credito Italiano — the state electricity concern Enel, the medium-term credit institution Imi, the insurance company Ina and the telecommunications conglomerate Stet.

"This is a measure that will have revolutionary consequences," Alberto Mignoli, a commercial lawyer on the committee overseeing the sell-off, said. The previous government, headed by the Socialist Giuliano Amato, had said that some of the disposals could take years.

Croats and Serbs order huge tolls on UN convoys

In an alarming twist to the Bosnian conflict, Serbs and Croats are demanding millions in levies on UN aid. The whole operation's future is in question

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

THE United Nations aid programme in Bosnia faced a serious new threat yesterday, when the republic's Serbs and Croats began charging aid convoys swingeing road tolls. Reports of convoys abandoning their missions after refusing to pay the levy reached UN bases in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia last night.

The Croats are reported to be seeking up to $20 million (£13 million) for a large convoy, while the Serbs have imposed a scale of charges for different classes of vehicles. They range from $350 each for heavy lorries with trailers to $140 for cars. United Nations escorts must pay $700 for tracked vehicles and $500 for armoured personnel carriers.

One humanitarian mission en route to Srebrenica from Belgrade was stopped at the Serbian border with Bosnia yesterday by Serbs who "refused even to talk until the money was paid", said Lyndall Sachs, of the United Nations agency for refugees, in Belgrade.

The sinister twist to the Balkan war was seen as another indication of Serb-Croat co-operation in partitioning the republic, and their increasing disregard for UN forces. Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Purves, for the UN Projection Force, said in Sarajevo that the Bosnian Croats and Serbs had sent letters to the UN demanding "a form of toll money for the roads". She said they were demanding staggering amounts. "This has been discussed for a long time," Colonel Purves said. "It seems that they got the idea from each other."

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees' office and Unprofor, which provide escorts for aid convoys, were told the money was needed for road maintenance. In Belgrade, Mr Sachs said the tolls did not apply to convoys destined for Serb areas. "The attitude is completely unhelpful," he said. "To put tolls on humanitarian operations is out of the question." A spokesman for Unprofor said in Zagreb, the Croatian capital: "We are getting reports coming in of charges being set up. Whether it is a Serb and Croat policy or renegades, we are not yet certain."

However, Michael Lewington, of the UNHCR in Zagreb, indicated that the Serb tolls at least are being levied at official levels. "We are dealing with this by talking to the Serb political authorities in Pale."

Aid convoys were also being hampered by fighting in central and southwest Bosnia yesterday as Serbs, Croats and Muslims continued their grabs for territory in what they see as a race against time before what they see as the effective partition of Bosnia under the latest proposals by Serbs and Croats. Serb artillery pounded Bosnia's eastern Muslim enclave of Gorazde and UN officials said that there was little they could do to halt the bloodshed there and in other UN-designated "safe areas".

Elsewhere, there was a lull in fighting in the southwestern city of Mostar after Muslims overran a Croat army barracks, northern districts of the town and a hydroelectric dam. Artillery fire rained down on Gorazde and 40 shells exploded near the UN office in the town, sending UN staff scurrying for shelter. Peter Kessler, for the UNHCR, said from Sarajevo.

The war intensified last month as Serbs and Croats pushed a new plan to carve Bosnia into three ethnic mini-states — a proposal which President Izetbegovic has called genocide. In Geneva, the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, said he was optimistic about achieving peace but added that it was only the beginning of months of difficult negotiations. He said that the peace negotiations had made progress during the past few days. "I believe there is progress, and this is the feeling of my special representative, Thorvald Stoltenberg."



Changing the guard: General Jean Cot, the new French commander-in-chief of UN forces in former Yugoslavia, addressing the press yesterday on his arrival in Zagreb, Croatia's capital. He replaces Lieutenant General Lars-Eric Wahlgren



Page Three girl of the Eighties banishes Yorkshires' blues

From Tom Rhodes in Vitez

Set against the everyday khaki, greens and browns, the peroxide locks, faded pink cut-offs and tight black bodystocking could only mean one thing to the British soldiers eating their canteen lunch yesterday: Samantha Fox, doyenne of the centrefold, had arrived in Vitez.

The diminutive figure, whose formidable assets have earned her many millions, had clearly decided — in the time-honoured style of Vera Lynn — that the boys of the front line needed to be distracted from the everyday business of soldiering and shown a good time.

So it was that after a fish lunch washed down with a mug of strong army tea, Ms Fox walked around the base meeting as many of The Yorkshire Regiment as could lay hands on her. Accompanied by bodyguard Lloyd Williams, who appeared to have been weightlifting since childhood, she was photographed and patted and showed a genuine concern for their problems, proving to most of the cynics that this was not an act of blatant publicity to assist an ailing career.

While many of the troops had no recollection of the Page Three girl of the 1980s, this did not prevent them from staring open-mouthed as she passed. It was, after all, the first "official" visit that the Yorkshires have received since their arrival in Bosnia last month. Indeed, visits from the prime minister and the Prince of Wales to the previous regiment, the Cheshires, had never made it so far into the actual war zone. She had been flown to Kiseljak by helicopter and then driven to Vitez, where she stayed last night before driving back to Split along what has been described as the most dangerous road in Europe.



Fox: strolled around base with bodyguard

Lieutenant Colonel Alistair Duncan, commander of the forces in Vitez, said: "I do think it is a good thing that she has come. She is a civilian who had no need to come to an area which is so obviously dangerous." His men were a little more enthusiastic. "She's really a lot better in the flesh," Jim Fletcher, a caterer, said.

For Samantha herself, the visit had thrown her into a situation that none of her contemporaries can possibly have experienced. "I just want to cheer up the lads and give them a boost for morale."

Asked whether she fully understood the politics of Bosnia, Ms Fox replied piquantly: "I will not talk about politics right now. All I know is that it's about three sides, and this cleansing thing I just cannot understand."

At that moment her bodyguard intercepted. "This is an exclusive story for *The Sun*," he said. Unfortunately, however, there was not a *Sun* reporter in sight.

Bomb hits Dutch ministry

The Hague: A bomb exploded at the Dutch social affairs ministry yesterday and a guerrilla group, silent since 1991, claimed responsibility.

The Revolutionary Anti-Racist Action group, responsible for about 30 attacks in The Netherlands since 1985, said that it carried out the bombing because the ministry played "a pivotal role in the hunt for illegal immigrants". *(Reuter)*

Danube links

Sofia: Bulgaria and Romania have agreed to build two new bridges across their Danube frontier to ease a congested route linking Central Europe, the republics of the former Soviet Union and the Middle East. *(Reuter)*

Protest curbed

St Petersburg: Russian border guards have detained nine Greenpeace members who sailed to a nuclear plant on the Gulf of Finland to demand its closure. *(Reuter)*

Ban on gays

Istanbul: Turkish homosexuals have been banned from holding their first conference. The provincial governor said that the meeting could endanger public safety. *(Reuter)*

Last orders

Prague: The Czech capital has banned the sale of alcohol and tobacco in public places with fines of up to £4,600 because they are unhygienic and unaesthetic products. *(Reuter)*

Estonian sanctions demanded

From Anatol Lieven in Moscow

RUSSIA'S parliament yesterday demanded that the government impose sanctions against Estonia in retaliation for legislation allegedly discriminating against Russians living in the republic.

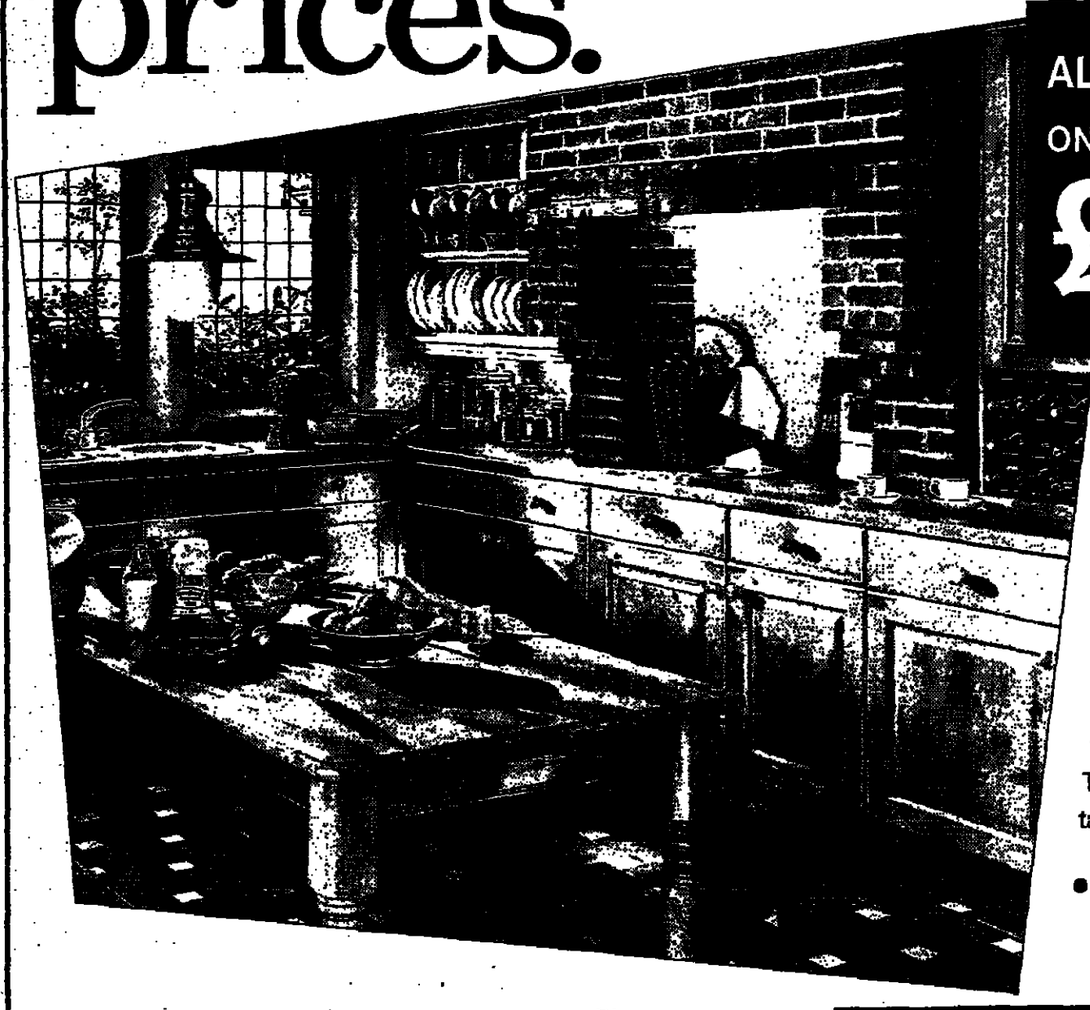
Max van der Stoel, the Council for Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) commissioner for national questions, arrived in Estonia yesterday to seek a solution to the growing crisis. In April he published a report denying the existence of human rights abuses in Estonia but making a series of recommendations for the treatment of the local Russians. Most of these have been ignored by the Estonian government.

Mr van der Stoel yesterday told residents of the overwhelmingly Russian town of Narva, on the Russian border, that the CSCE would do everything possible to find a solution acceptable to both sides, and that there was no danger of Russians being deported.

Russian local authorities in the region have decided to hold a referendum on autonomy, a decision that could present the biggest threat so far to the newly independent Estonia's peace and stability. The referendum plan has been fiercely denounced by the government, which fears a repetition of the ethnic secessions now tearing several former Soviet republics apart. But Vladimir Chuikin, the mayor of Narva and a former local Communist party leader, denied this week that his council's aim was secession.

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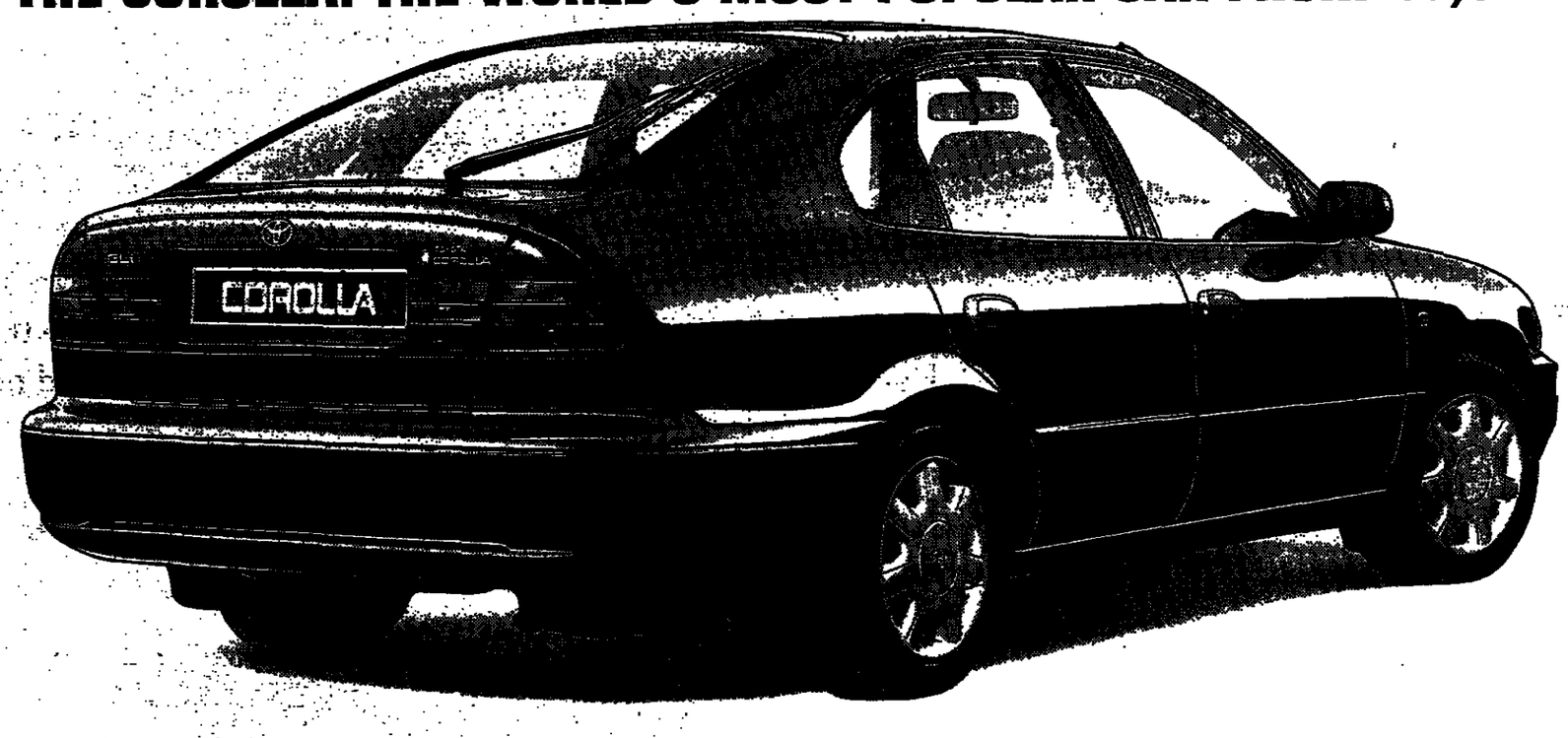
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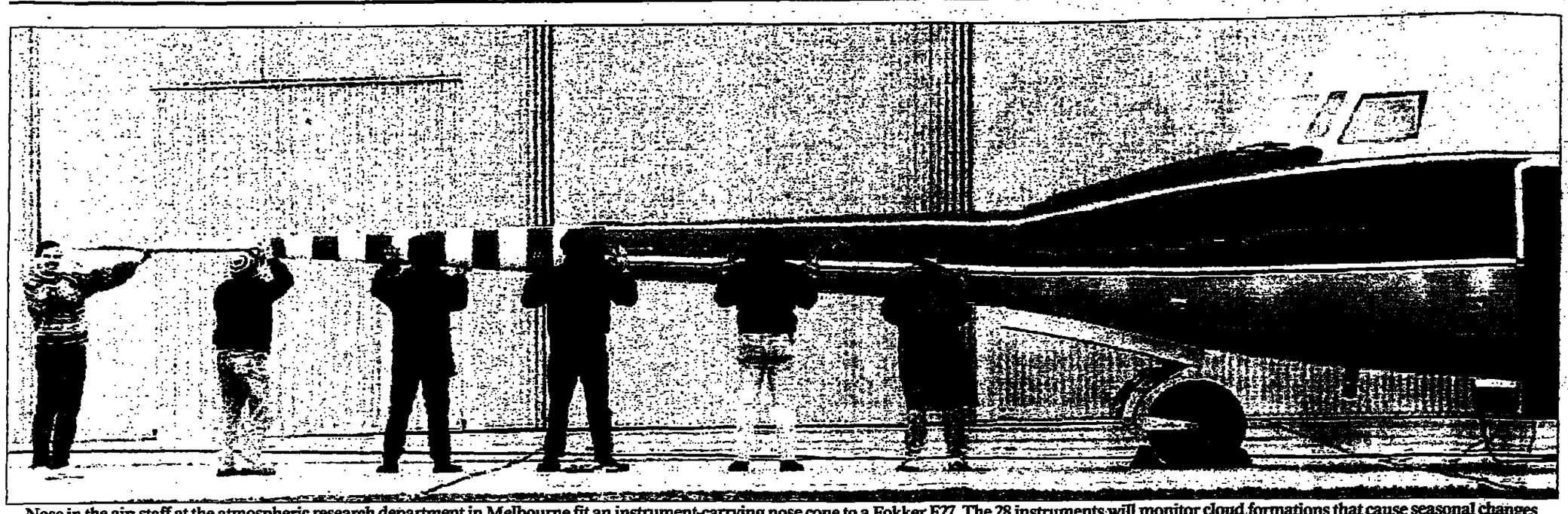
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Jubilant negotiators hail South Africa talks accord

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

WHILE two-thirds of the black workforce stayed at home yesterday to protest at last Friday's right-wing invasion of the constitutional negotiating forum, the negotiators themselves were jubilant at achieving the first real agreement aimed at bridging what have hitherto appeared irreconcilable positions at the talks.

"This is the end of the beginning," crowed an observer in the lobby of the World Trade Centre on the outskirts of Johannesburg, where the talks are taking place. A huge patch of hardboard covers part of the glass front of the building where Eugene Terre'Blanche, the leader of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, sent his armoured car crashing into the same lobby.

Yesterday armoured cars were outside the building, all belonging to the security forces, who lounged around in the mild winter sunshine waiting for a march of protesters, which Hermus Kriel, the law and order minister had said would come but which the African National Congress said would not. The ANC proved to be right.

Talks continued in the room where the 26-party unelected negotiating council went on with its discussions of the next crucial stage, the establishment of the constitutional principles, which will be binding on the writers of the future constitution.

This has been the essence of the compromise painfully worked out between, on the one side, the ANC and the government and their supporters, who have themselves agreed that the constitution will be written by an elected constituent assembly, and on the other side the right-wing Conservative Party, the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party and their supporters in the Concerned South Africans' Group (Cosag) who want the constitution to be written by the present negotiators, and who are insisting on a federal form of government with strong regions.

This week's agreement, which will be endorsed by a formal meeting of the much larger negotiating forum today, has at its heart a statement that these constitutional principles will include provision for a strong regional government which will tie the hands of the assembly to be elected next year.

One evidence of the constitutional fudge involved is that it also calls for strong central government. It is also not clear how the negotiators can prevent a sovereign elected assembly from altering the constitutional principles if in its wisdom it decides to do so by appropriate majorities. It was being suggested yesterday that a number of nods and winks and the building of trust has gone into the agreement, so that much is understood, without having yet been written down.

Some Cosag members have welcomed the progress made in the talks, but none has yet endorsed the compromise. The Conservative Party voted against it. Inkatha and the KwaZulu government have insisted that they will wait to see what kind of interim constitution will govern the country until the adoption of a new constitution by the elected assembly.

Inkatha also let it be known last night that they would not endorse the election date of April 27 next year, which has been put forward at the negotiations and which, it was hoped, would be approved at today's negotiating forum.

The party wants to wait again until they see what kind of constitutional principles are agreed and what kind of interim constitution will be in place when the time comes.

The next crucial step will be agreement on the transition executive council and its subcouncils which will supervise the government until election day.

Without the establishment of these councils it is unlikely that the full force of economic sanctions imposed in the United States will be lifted although President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, are both in America this weekend to underline the progress being made towards a new South Africa.

G7 heads for clash on trade

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manage to make progress there will be no time for the EC negotiators led by Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commission vice-president, to report back to the council of ministers to secure approval for a wider agreement at the summit meeting.

Senior officials say the summit meeting will be wary of an outright endorsement for a trade deal because the final authority rests in Geneva, headquarters of Gatt. It is admitted, however, that failure to reach an outline accord in Tokyo will make prospects for a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of trade talks, which began in 1987, extremely slender by the December 31 deadline.

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, is staying away from the summit, leaving President Mitterrand to maintain France's tough stance. But M Balladur is insisting that Washington must lift its anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on steel imports if there is to be a deal at the G7.

Negotiations on bilateral trade between America and Japan are in greater difficulty. They broke down in Tokyo on Monday and there appears little hope, because of Japan's recent political turmoil, that President Clinton and Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, can reach a deal.

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Iraq disclosure embarrasses Kinkel

Baghdad hardliners push for action against West

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD AND ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HARDLINERS in Iraq appear to be waging a campaign to toughen the regime's response against the West in the aftermath of last weekend's American cruise missile attack on Baghdad.

Although all key decisions involving security, the military or foreign policy are taken by President Saddam Hussein, signs have emerged this week that a power struggle is under way between supporters of a confrontational policy against the West and their opponents who favour a more low-key response.

Amid the wrangle in Baghdad, the Bonn government has been embarrassed by a report that the German secret service helped to train Iraqi agents and passed information to Baghdad about Iraqi citizens claiming asylum in German. The political impact of the report in the Berlin weekly, *Wochenpost*, is that the head of the service in 1982 — the time of the alleged aid to President Saddam Hussein — was Klaus Kinkel, now the foreign minister.

The new influence of the Baghdad hardliners was illustrated yesterday when a five-man BBC television crew, and a correspondent for the American network CNN, were expelled for remarks critical of the government in their reports. Other foreign journalists were given warnings.

Jeremy Bowen, the BBC's correspondent, said that he had been given 24 hours notice to leave the country by the Ministry of Information and Culture, which objected to a report on Iraq's military build-up. Mr Bowen said he stood by the wording of his report, which stated that Saddam "is still channelling a lot of his money into the military and its network of repression and coercion". Although the sentence was critical of the leadership, it would not usually have provoked an expulsion order.

The move appears to be part of a backlash by hardliners who believe that Iraq should



Ride: prospects are not improved by tension

take a tougher stance with the West, and in particular the only Western representatives in Baghdad, the media.

Diplomats in the Iraqi capital had noticed a similar hardening of positions in the armed forces among some officers who have grown impatient with the regime for not taking military action on the ground against the Kurdish autonomous region in northern Iraq.

Hardline views also surfaced in the Iraqi press, when editorial writers and columnists urged revenge strikes against American interests in the Middle East, while official reaction remained muted. On Wednesday, one newspaper berated the government for allowing United Nations weapons inspectors to dismantle Iraq's long-range missiles.

The deteriorating atmosphere is unlikely to improve the prospects for the three British prisoners being held at the Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad. Yesterday two Foreign Office officials held their second meeting with the men, Simon Dunne, Paul Ride and Michael Wainwright, before leaving the country, apparently empty handed. They would not comment on their mission.

The *Wochenpost* report on Bonn's dealings with Baghdad is partly based on the manuscript of a controversial new book about the service by Erich Schmidt-Eenboom, a political scientist. In it, he claims that Saddam Hussein's secret police minister, named only as Shakir, visited Dr Kinkel in April 1982. As a result it was agreed that the Germans would train Iraqi police agents — and in return the Iraqis would give Bonn information about the activities, funding and hiding places of the Red Army Faction terrorist group.

For Dr Kinkel the matter is seriously embarrassing. He has just been elected chairman of the Free Democrats and is trying to prepare the party for a year of elections.

Clinton minder restores a touch of class

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Wherever President Clinton goes during next week's G7 summit in Tokyo, David Gergen will be hovering discreetly at his shoulder, whispering in his ear, nudging him this way or that.

Mr Clinton will not make an announcement, deliver a speech or attend a photo-opportunity that his new counsellor has not choreographed. The president will be the summit's star performer, but Mr Gergen will be his director. If Mr Clinton succeeds in portraying himself as a bold world leader, the triumph will be largely Mr Gergen's.

The two men's master-pupil relationship was exquisitely captured this month after Mr Clinton had sworn at a reporter during a Rose Garden ceremony. The next day, opening a press conference, Mr Clinton defused the tension with a self-deprecating joke to the unfortunate hack. Standing in the background, Mr Gergen, 51, was spotted whispering: "That was perfect."

In less than four weeks, this veteran of the Nixon, Ford and Reagan administrations has transformed an inept Clinton White House operation, pulled the president out of his free fall in the polls, and become his most indispensable aide.

He has engineered a presidential charm offensive to win over a hostile White House press corps. His talent for spotting pitfalls has given Mr Clinton an error-free month. Mr Gergen cannot take the credit for recent legislative successes, but he certainly ensured that Mr Clinton exploited them to the hilt.

Under Mr Gergen's tutelage the president has ceased sounding petulant and defensive and begun accentuating the positive. "This is the most decisive presidency you have had in a very long time," Mr Clinton recently told incredulous journalists who nevertheless reported his words verbatim.

Mr Gergen, a former journalist, has become a sort of presidential editor, cutting the extraneous from Mr Clinton's schedule and his speeches, focusing him on what matters. At a press conference last week, the prolix president answered one particularly obscure enquiry in a way that left Clinton-watchers gaping: "I've given absolutely no thought to that question."

Mr Gergen is a man of no fixed ideology. Formerly the chief salesman of the Reagan revolution, he is now selling the world not the Gipper but the Comeback Kid. And if that requires a rightward lurch in this administration's policies, so be it.

He is involved in all the key decisions. He was there when Mr Clinton decided to jettison Lani Guinier, his controversial black nominee to a top civil rights job. He attended the meetings to select a new, trouble-free and centrist Supreme Court judge. He was one of just three top White House aides in on the Baghdad missile strike that lifted the president's ratings 11 points. With Mr Gergen in charge, there is no way Mr Clinton will fight to lift the ban on gays in the military.

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Salvador officers removed

San Salvador: Top El Salvadorean army officers have been removed from their posts in a purge of those implicated in human rights atrocities during 12 years of civil war.

General René Emilio Ponce, the defence minister, General Gilberto Rubio, the chief of staff, and General Mauricio Vargas, the deputy chief of staff, were all retired. General Ponce was replaced by Colonel Humberto Corado, a moderate who has no record of human rights violations, the armed forces press office said.

Colonel Roberto Tejada was named deputy defence minister to replace General Orlando Zepeda, who was forced to resign in April. General Rubio was replaced by Colonel Jaime Guzmán and General Vargas gives way to José Angel Orellana. *(Reuter)*

Rao's offer

Delhi: The Indian prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, said he was willing to stify about allegations that he was bribed by a Bombay stockbroker if a parliamentary panel asks him to. "I have come out clean and I could not be cleaner," he was quoted as saying. *(Reuter)*

Bradley goes

Washington: Tom Bradley, a former policeman who became one of America's best-known black politicians, has ended 20 years as Democratic mayor of Los Angeles, handing over the administration of the country's second largest city to a white conservative Republican.

Middle East parties blame White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AN AMERICAN attempt to rekindle the Middle East peace process has been criticised by Israeli and Palestinian officials.

Aides to President Clinton presented a draft statement of principles to both sides to try to bridge the gap that prevented progress during the tenth round of talks, which ended in Washington last night. Palestinian negotiators expressed "extreme displeasure" with the secret document. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, speaking in Paris, said it fell far short of his hopes.

Undeterred, the Americans will send a four-man team to the Middle East next week. Its members will plead with leaders from the negotiating parties to show flexibility in time for the eleventh round of talks in October, two years after the initiative began amid such high hopes in Madrid. The team will be led by Dennis Ross, a holdover from the Bush team and Mr Clinton's co-ordinator for the talks.

The latest stumbling block is the future status of Jerusalem which the Palestinians have pushed to the top of their agenda. Israel rejects their demands to include Arab east Jerusalem, annexed after the 1967 six-day war, in a plan for interim Palestinian self-rule of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "Jerusalem is the indivisible capital of Israel and will remain so," an Israeli spokesman said. To Palestinians, Jerusalem is central to self-rule and they have been alarmed by Israel's move three months ago to seal off their access to the Arab half of the city. Israel has sought to postpone discussions about the capital until all other issues are resolved.

The deadlock has arisen just as Israel was prepared to give the Palestinians unprecedented control over their own affairs, including health, education, welfare and tourism. The key to resolving the impasse may be held by Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Members of the Palestinian delegation intend to see him today in Tunis. He is reported to be anxious for progress to blunt the gains being made in the occupied territories by the fundamentalist Hamas group.

The Israel-Palestinian stalemate in Washington had the effect of stalling Israel's negotiations with its other Arab adversaries, Jordan, Lebanon and, most notably, Syria, where the two sides continue their semantic argument over how and under what conditions Israel should withdraw from the Golan Heights.

☐ **Jerusalem:** Two Arab gunmen boarded an Israeli bus and opened fire, wounding three people before being shot dead when they tried to flee to the West Bank, police said. An Israeli woman hijacked by the gunmen in her vehicle was also killed.

Fossil find brings 'Jurassic Park' closer

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN palaeontologists claim to have discovered red blood cells in a fossilised leg-bone of a 65-million-year-old tyrannosaurus rex, from which they believe they will be able to extract DNA, the genetic material common to all living organisms.

While less dramatic than events in Stephen Spielberg's film *Jurassic Park*, where dinosaurs are cloned from DNA, the discovery may have brought that fantasy a giant step closer. Jack Horner, the palaeontologist at Montana State University who directed the team excavating and investigating the bone, told *The New York Times* that he had "high hopes" that DNA could be extracted from the fossil.

The femur of the dinosaur, part of an extraordinarily well-preserved fossilised skeleton, was excavated three years ago from a site in eastern Montana known as Hell Creek Formation. The apparent red blood cells were more recently located by Mary Schweitzer, one of Mr Horner's research students.

The discovery has not yet been independently confirmed, but Mr Horner said he hoped to match the gene fragments with DNA from modern crocodiles and birds. "They could go a long way towards showing what the relationship between dinosaurs and birds might be," he told the newspaper, adding: "We're not there yet, but we think we're getting close."

Until this year, palaeontologists believed that no biological materials, let alone delicate DNA segments, could survive for millions of years without fossilising, which would change their organic structure. Recent discoveries of prehistoric insects preserved in amber (fossilised tree sap) have, however, shown that organic material, even DNA, can survive in exceptional circumstances. Last month molecular biologists from California Polytechnic State University published a report in the British journal *Nature* on how DNA had been extracted from a 120-million-year-old amber-preserved weevil.

Mr Horner said that, while the tyrannosaurus's leg-bone had fossilised on the outside, the marrow appeared to have retained its organic structure largely intact. "We've been trying everything we can think of to show that they're not blood cells, but they still seem to be the real thing," he said. The Montana research team has also positively identified the tissue protein collagen in the prehistoric dinosaur bone.

A spokeswoman for the National Science Foundation, which financed the project, said that the announcement of the discovery had been deliberately timed to coincide with the opening of *Jurassic Park* in America. "We thought it would be a good opportunity to get the word out," she said.



Patten says he will act alone if China obstructs reforms

■ Hong Kong's governor has sent an unmistakable message to Peking that he will press ahead with democratic change

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN will take unilateral decisions about Hong Kong's future if China continues to argue about British proposals, Chris Patten, the governor, said yesterday.

Mr Patten gave vent to his impatience when he called for progress in talks on democratic reforms in the colony, and said that he would go ahead without China's consent if necessary. "There will come a moment where, if we do not have an agreement, we will have to get on with things ourselves," he said.

Mr Patten spoke after meeting John Major, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and the cabinet committee set up to help reach an agreement on the handover to China in 1997.

Mr Patten refused to set a deadline on the negotiations, saying he was reluctant "to circle dates in the calendar". But he added: "We can't go on forever ... We'd like to make more progress in the next few weeks in order to get a satisfactory outcome."

If no agreement was reached at the seventh session of talks in Peking next week, the governor said he would go ahead and present legislation for democratic reforms to Hong Kong's Legislative Council. "The bill will be introduced in the Legislative Council after we've concluded a satisfactory agreement with China, or if we don't get a satisfactory agreement with China, we'll have to go ahead and legislate on our own," he said. The proposals would allow Hong Kong people to elect the majority of their legislature directly or indirectly in 1995.



Patten: at Downing Street yesterday

Mr Patten's stance is seen as an unmistakable message to Peking that he is not preparing to give in over the colony's future.

It is well known in Hong Kong, in spite of the secrecy enveloping the negotiations in Peking, which enter their seventh round next week, that one of the make-or-break issues is the so-called "through train" — the idea that members of the 60-strong Legislative Council, Hong Kong's parliament, elected to four-year terms from 1995, will remain in office when China resumes its sovereignty.

Although Peking promised in the Joint Declaration of 1984 that it would leave the political and social structure undisturbed, the council is a *bête noir* of Peking's. This is because in the 1991 elections, in which 18 of the members were directly elected, 16 were advocates of Western-style democracy. Two of these, Martin Lee and Szeto Wah, have been branded "black hands" by Peking for leading the million-strong demonstrations in Hong Kong protesting over the Peking crackdown on the pro-democracy movement.

As a result, in its Basic Law, the mini-constitution for Hong Kong after 1997, China laid down conditions for continuing council membership. These included innocuous sounding stipulations involving allegiance to the new Special Autonomous Region, as Hong Kong is to be known. But at the end of these stipulations, which both Mr Lee and Mr Szeto have confirmed they would respect, the Basic Law states that a preparatory committee, to be appointed by Peking in 1996, "may confirm" whether council members can stay on after 1 July, 1997.

A government legal expert said yesterday: "If the Basic Law said 'shall' that would be objective. But after the objective requirements have been met a council member, for reasons now unknown, 'may' be removed. What we have here are secret requirements. This sounds awfully political."

Sir Robin McLaren, Britain's ambassador to Peking, who also heads the negotiating team, has said that the "through train" is a basic issue in the negotiations, and yesterday Mr Patten underlined this. After causing some alarm by saying he could not see how every council member could be guaranteed a seat after 1997, the governor went on to say that the criteria must be "clear and objective". Candidates in 1995, he said, must be able to tell voters "whether they were going to be two or four year legislators". If they met certain criteria, such as oaths of allegiance, they should qualify.

What must not be a criterion, Mr Patten emphasised, was whether "an individual legislator had the right attitude in the past to matters which may concern them in the future". This was a reference to members whom Peking already regards as "black hands."

The governor's assurance will be welcome in Hong Kong where on Wednesday, at a forum on reform, sponsored by the Chinese University and the government's Central Policy Unit, some experts voiced alarm that when China takes over there will be little legal protection for Hong Kong's citizens.

Jacqueline Leong, QC, of the Hong Kong Bar Association, praised the emergence of the council "as a strong and viable force with elected members answerable to a constituency and prepared to play the political card".

☐ **Peking:** China's feared spy network, the State Security Ministry, will bolster its operations to deal with complications arising from reforms, a Communist party leader was quoted as saying yesterday. ...

Ren Jianxin, who is head of the party's central commission of political science and law, called on intelligence agents to "vigorously strengthen" work in all fields, the *People's Daily* said. *(AFP)*

Dissident praises Hong Kong defiance



Defenders of liberty: Zheng Yi, one of China's most wanted dissidents, walking with his wife, Zheng Bei Ming, in Downing Street yesterday

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

ONE of China's ten most wanted dissidents yesterday expressed his support for Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, in his battle of wills with China over the future of the colony.

Zheng Yi, 46, one of the "black hands", or main organisers, of the Tiananmen Square protest that led to the massacre there four years ago, said in London yesterday: "Chris Patten is the only one with real principles. He is the only one to think of the people of Hong Kong. When Mr Patten holds out for his principles, he is not only helping Hong Kong but the whole democracy movement in China. This is why he is having so much trouble with the Chinese government."

Mr Zheng went on the run after the slaughter in Tiananmen Square, eventually making his way to Hong Kong last year. He fled to America last January. He now lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with his wife, Zheng Bei Ming. They were separated after Tiananmen and Mrs Zheng was detained for nearly a year.

"I hope Mr Patten can hold on and not give up his principles to reform democracy in Hong Kong. It is very important that the British government backs him," Mr Zheng said. "Western countries must realise they are facing a region where human rights are not respected. Human rights abuses show how much China hates Western standards. Western countries should give up any illusions about prosperity and progress in China."

Mr Zheng, who is one of China's most famous writers, spent two years hiding in the countryside masquerading as a carpenter before he managed to reach Hong Kong. He was branded a "most wanted" outlaw and "counter-revolutionary criminal" by the Peking regime. His photograph and description were circulated in an attempt to capture him.

"About 100 people knew my identity and knew about the arrest warrant, and yet they helped," he said. "I could not have done it without them."

Mr Zheng took copies of documents to America when he won asylum in January, purporting to show that Red Guards practised cannibalism during the Cultural Revolution. The papers, showing official seals, say that political prisoners in Guanxi province were killed and eaten by the guards.

He is visiting London to try to spread the work of the democracy movement.

☐ **Peking:** Angry peasants unable to cash postal remittances have attacked post offices and injured employees in unrest affecting 11 provinces, the *China Daily* said yesterday. The central bank had authorised rural post offices in problem areas to draw cash directly from local branches of the bank. *(Reuter)*

Gangster granny on run since 1940

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

Old outlaws do not have to die, they can also just fade away. The authorities in Chicago have just reopened their extremely dusty files on Ella Jarman, a convicted murderess and gangster who escaped from prison in 1940 and has not been seen since.

Dubbed "The Blonde Tigress" by the press in the 1930s, Jarman was considered the most dangerous outlaw of her time. She may also by now be the oldest — if she is still alive and on the run (however slowly), she is 92 and more a grey than a blonde tigress.

The nonagenarian felon's grandchildren say longevity runs in the family (her brother is 98), and have asked Jim Edgar, the Illinois governor, to grant her clemency so that she can emerge from hiding and go straight. "I would like to know her and I want to clear her name," said Doug Jarman, her grandson, who is a used car salesman.

Police, of course, would also like to find her with a view to persuading her to complete the outstanding 192 years of her sentence. With her boyfriend George Dale, Eleanor Berendt Jarman was convicted in 1933 of staging a hold-up during which a Chicago clothier was killed. Witnesses said that she battered and clawed the man after he had been shot. The couple was believed to be implicated in at least 37 other robberies.

Dale was sent to the electric chair, leaving a love letter for Jarman, who reputedly carried a large revolver in her handbag. To illustrate just how dangerous she was, Chicago newspapers published photographs of her head superimposed on the body of a tiger. Her descendants, however, insist that she was a poverty-stricken single mother, deserted by her husband, who was unfairly convicted by a biased jury and a sensationalist press.

Jarman escaped from the women's penitentiary in Dwight, Illinois, by dolling herself up in a polka-dot dress and climbing over the prison wall. Anyone spotting a little old lady in a polka-dot dress with long nails and a rather heavy handbag is urged to contact the Chicago police department immediately.

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THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



ALAN WELLER

Newsman in the news: Michael Brunson is part of a media-political stage peopled, with a few exceptions, by one Oxbridge mafia reporting on another Oxbridge mafia



MICHAEL Brunson may not look like the most exciting person on television but observe his dramatic power. Why did the prime minister and the leader of the Opposition write letters, and MPs sign a petition, to protest at the threatened transfer of *News at Ten* to an early-evening slot?

A concern for monopolies, and a wish to curb the powers of ITV chiefs, no doubt. But also because the British news day reaches a delayed climax with the 10pm vote in the Commons. We expect the electric message of the result to be delivered by a breathless Brunson with Big Ben in the background. It is *News at Ten*'s trump card.

Remember the night of the paving debate on Maastricht, and the government's three-vote majority. Brunson was able to wheel on Michael Carttiss, MP for Great Yarmouth, who had been going to vote against until the last minute when the prime minister had put an arm around him and said "Michael, we need your vote".

And there was Brunson's recent telephone call to Lady Thatcher, enabling him to leap into a taxi and arrive at Gray's Inn Road at 9.58pm, in time to gasp, "I have spoken to Lady Thatcher", before relating her pronouncement: "A leadership question at the moment would be ill-judged and ill-timed."

The Cabinet reshuffle story caused him another frisson, another break: he had said at 5.40pm that he did not expect a reshuffle. Then one of his Deep Throat ministerial friends rang him to say: "I strongly advise you to change that story, it will happen by the weekend." It is often hilarious — poor Michael Brunson, we think, at the mercy of these intriguing rogues — but it makes news addicts of us all.

"A classic case", Brunson says, "of how politics in Britain never comes to the boil until about 8pm. All you can do before that is tell the story so far." No edict obliges us to regard 10pm as the time we have to sit down and review the events of the day, in soundbite-sized portions that are often insultingly brief, containing fewer words than a single column of *The Times*. Yet the programme's grip on our domestic routine undoubtedly reflects the rhythms of life at Westminster, where political events have in recent years become so much more exciting.

So, he says emphatically, it is not the red telephone box syndrome that makes ITN wish to cling onto its 10pm slot. "Ugh," he cries, of red telephone boxes. "I can think of no nastier thing to wish to preserve than those smelly things. Christopher Bland [the chairman of LWT] is right: it is just silly for the British to get hung up on a *time*."

Yet the timing is its *raison d'être*, as he realised when he covered the Watergate hearings as Washington correspondent. "All the exciting stuff happened in our time, including the sudden announcement that Nixon had the White House tapes. If I had had to file at lunchtime, we would have had none of the drama that built up in the course of each day."

Brunson's is the solemn, trustworthy face of the Church of England clergyman he might have become. He was the only child of devout evangelicals, and as an earnest choirboy he joined the Student Christian Movement and met one David Jenkins, later to be his theology tutor at The Queen's College, Oxford, later still the Bishop of Durham whose retirement was announced on that evening's *News at Ten*.

He arrived at ITN 25 years ago from the BBC's *24 Hours*, precursor of *Newsnight*. ITN had just introduced the innovation of the "reporter package" story straight to camera.

The first story he did was about the Pope's encyclical on contraception, *Humanae Vitae*: he stood outside Westminster Cathedral and brazenly held up a packet of contraceptive pills borrowed from an astonished colleague.

He is prone to using saloon-bar expressions like "they are playing parliamentary silly buggers". On Tuesday, when Michael Mates was faced with Madam Speaker's angry command to resume his seat, Brunson reported that Mates "had to make a split-second choice, do I sit down and look like a prat, or do I go on?".

He is not the only man to have made Margaret Thatcher cry, but his interview with her, when he asked about her last day in Downing Street, is remembered for her dabbing away a tear.

Mrs Thatcher had come to respect Brunson's guileless ordinariness. He is 52, lives in Twickenham, has been married to Sue for 28 years and has two sons. Brunson is a Norfolk name; he still has a bolthole there. His father was a probation officer, his mother managed shops, selling china or shoes. "We were pretty poor, we had no car; I was a rather lonely and very religious child. But it made me self-reliant. I read a lot, and listened to the radio, and immersed myself in the church choir."

He got a scholarship to Bedford School, where, unlike his action-man contemporary, Paddy Ashdown, he was hopeless at sports. At Oxford he realised he had no priestly vocation, and took to the stage. "OUDS had a wonderful galaxy of talent, Peter Snow, Gordon Honeycombe, Esther Rantzen, Michael York, or Michael Johnson as he then was." (It is a truism that the media-political stage is peopled, with a few exceptions, by one Oxbridge mafia reporting on another Oxbridge mafia.)

He insists that this week's all-party political offensive on behalf of *News at Ten* was not sentimentally motivated. "We are not a great British institution. We provide a service and we genuinely feel, in our journalistic fibre, that 10pm is the time when you can give people a package.

"I'm sure Eleanor Goodman of *Channel 4 News* often wishes she could have as complete a story as I do. We have the edge over the nine o'clock boys over there [a noisy BBC group was gathered in the corner of the bar]. We move the agenda on. Things change during the evening and if there is an important vote we have the grace of being able to give the result. If we were on at 6.30 we'd be nothing more than a government press office."

Having so often made this case for keeping the 10pm slot, they were all taken aback by the suddenness of the ITV chiefs' decision to move the programme to allow the uninterrupted run of adult films now enjoyed by Channel 4.

By Wednesday night Sir George Russell, the chairman of the ITC, had sent his letter to the ITV chiefs pointing out that since eight companies had pledged, during the franchise auction, to keep the 10pm bulletin, and that the bulletin had to go out simultaneously throughout the network, those which failed to do so would be in breach of their contracts, and the ITC had the power to veto any such move. "It was a pretty unequivocal letter," Brunson says.

I joined him in the Westminster studio just in time for the bongs. His live contribution, a sceptical story about whether the Attorney-General would release the Mates letters, was precisely 50 seconds long. The programme sped through the day's stories. I got home in time to catch the second half of *Newsnight*: Archer and the Kurds, schizophrenics loose on the streets. Much more satisfying stuff. But we do need *News at Ten*'s catch-all, tabloid roundup.

During that evening I happened to see Sir Christopher Bland, (a contemporary of Brunson's at the same Oxford college) in his usual bullish mood in the face of all the uproar. He had told *The World at One* that if ITV companies take decisions that are commercial, that is because that is what they are. Newscasters, he had said witheringly, have no God-given right to say when they do their newscasting.

Brunson: "Television is the primary source of news for the majority of the population and I don't want to leave the hours of 7-10.30 pm open to the competition. Selfish — but that's how it sits with me."

Quite. *News at Ten*'s arresting opening sequence, full of portent, could never recapture its urgency at 6.30pm, the cocktail hour, when the night is young. At ITN they are not yet opening the champagne; but as Brunson says: "We rest our case."

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Don't be so silly, Mr Lilley



MARGOT NORMAN

Peter Lilley has some pretty cock-eyed notions about poverty. Yesterday his department published statistics showing that the poorest 10 per cent of British households have got 14 per cent poorer, in real terms, while those on average incomes have got 36 per cent richer since the Conservatives came to power in 1979. Yet the Social Services Secretary insisted that the figures in *Households Below Average Income 1979-1990/91* could not be interpreted as showing that the poor were getting poorer. I am frankly at a loss to see what other interpretation could be put on them.

Perhaps Mr Lilley's reluctance to accept it is related to his eagerness to believe that the banquet of milk and honey laid on by the state for single mothers is tempting thousands of daffy young single girls to go off and get themselves pregnant. Mr Lilley unburdened himself of his thoughts on misguided state generosity in an exclusive briefing to the *Daily Express*.

It seems that what he wants is to "use the Social Security system to encourage more responsibility in young people by making the option of single parenthood less attractive". Oh dear, he is a silly Lilley isn't he? Wouldn't the deterrent effect be stronger if he simply told them the truth about how poor they would be? A quarter of the EC's poorest households are in Britain. Who are they? Single mothers and their children. Nearly all of our 1,300,000 single parents and their 2.2 million children are stuck in that bottom 10 per cent band of the indigent-getting-more-so. Single parenthood attractive? It's that old song again:

It's the same the whole world over,
It's the poor wot gets the blame.
It's the rich wot gets the pleasure,
Ain't it all a blooming shame.

Naturally, Mr Lilley is looking for ways to lighten the enormous Social Security burden, but I cannot see how distorting the facts will help him. Over two-thirds of single mothers find themselves in that position because the men they married or lived with when they gave birth to their children have since sloped off.

A new publication from the Daycare Trust entitled *Becoming a Breadwinner* makes some constructive suggestions that Mr Lilley would do well to ponder. The author, Sally Holtermann, knows how the combined effects of the benefits systems and the lack of publicly-funded childcare make it fiendishly difficult for a British single mother to earn her way out of the Social Security net. At present only 10 per cent of single mothers earn over £188 a week, the point at which a woman with two young children would get clear of means-tested benefits. Up to that point, her marginal rate of tax is between 80 and 90 per cent. Her net gains from working will be well under half those of her married sister at the same rate of pay. Benefits officers will often advise her that to work will make her worse off.

Changes made in 1988 to lessen the poverty trap have made things worse for many single mothers, by ending the rule that allowed work expenses, including child-care costs, to be offset against benefits. Ms Holtermann suggests allowing these costs in respect of income support and family credit, and slightly increasing "in-work" benefits — by which I assume she means family credit. She claims her formula would pay for itself by bringing the Treasury more tax from an extra 200,000 women. Certainly it sounds sensible in the long-term.

Mr Lilley is apparently keen to get local authorities to open hostels for single mothers, rather than setting them up in those palatial apartments with which we are all familiar on our local council estates. That he is thinking of rather cramped, unpleasant hostels, possibly equipped with state-sponsored cockroaches, is clear because he cites them as part of his package designed to put off any girl who might be tempted to procreate without a husband.

But let us, for a moment, fantasise about how such places might function if they were designed to help rather than hinder their clients. Purpose-built, by councils allowed to spend some of their council house sales receipts, they could be hives of co-operative child rearing, industry and companionship for those who are among the most isolated and exhausted in our society.

The division of labour doesn't work between mother and baby, but in theory it could work just fine in a setting like that. There they would all be, sharing the baby-sitting rota, taking it in turns to go off to work or college, checking one another's children's homework and tending the communal vegetable patch ... perhaps they would get down to a little communal music making before bed. No one would stay more than two or three years and then off they'd go home, having made the sort of friends for life that anyone who was ever a student knows about.

But no, we can't see Mr Lilley as the progenitor of some sort of state-aided New Age commune, can we? What he must have in mind is something more like the old workhouse. Perhaps local schools might take their sex education classes there on regular visits. "Now let the plight of these girls be a warning to you," the guide's contraceptive patter would run as all surveyed the gruesome scene.

In practice, of course, the buildings would be cast-off rather than purpose-built. Mr Lilley should understand that he is dealing with complex and delicate issues here: he who lives by the tabloid splash may also die by it. Can you imagine what fun will be had by the very headline writer who greeted the idea for these hostels so warmly when reports come in of the sleazy teenage brothels they have become?



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Funny girl? You're joking

Where would the US president be without Barbra Streisand? **Ben Macintyre** on a woman with clout

Barbra Streisand bit her perfectly-manicured nails on Wednesday as she watched her friend Andre Agassi get knocked out of Wimbledon. Much of America agonised too, not so much for him, but for her. This section of people includes women over 50, anyone who saw *Funny Girl* and liked it, and Democrats.

A perhaps equally significant percentage of the US population, however, was only too delighted to see Streisand suffer as she witnessed a man young enough to be her personal fitness trainer lose in five sets to Pete Sampras. This group includes women under 40, anyone who saw *Funny Girl* and hated it, and Republicans.

That, they muttered, is what you get if you think a man who shaves his chest hair is "very evolved" and a "Zen master" of tennis. Streisand may be able to polarise opinion in the US more than any other single issue. And Barbra Streisand, at 51, is most definitely an issue.

While she may not be the most talented, or intellectually brilliant, or tactful member of Hollywood's cultural elite, Streisand is by far the most prominent, attracting adoration and contumely in almost equal measure.

A passage from *People Magazine* last month describing her triumphant entrance at the annual White House correspondents dinner gives the flavour of her cachet: "Wearing an off-the-shoulder white gown and exuding that slightly cross-eyed charisma, she calmly navigated a sea of videocam light and popping flashlights. Bringing conversations to a halt. Making forks drop and heads turn ... Ladies and Gentlemen and Leaders of the Free World, *Barbra Streisand!*" Even President Clinton did not enjoy that kind of reception, let alone Michael Douglas.

The writer Camille Paglia recently called her "a splendid role-model for women, a mega-celebrity who is also politically-engaged". She stays overnight at the White House, dines alone with Bill and Chelsea Clinton and even General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a man with starkly different views from her on almost everything, calls her his "special friend".

Since President Clinton came to power Streisand has become a political star reborn. The views of Hollywood's highest-paid actress (a £39 million deal has just been signed with Columbia Pictures) are courted by the highest in the land, and her Liberal opinions, liberally dispensed, command instant attention.

It is this that has drawn the ire of many in Washington, who feel that opinions are best left to politicians and journalists. "In Hollywood," observed the cultural editor of *New Republic*, Leon Wieseltier, "politics is another way of dressing and talking." *The New York Times* agreed, observing acidly, "On a clear day in Washington you can see Barbra Streisand forever".

By the usual Darwinian rules of Hollywood, Streisand might be expected to be a fossil of the industry by now, or at least an adored and ignored relic from a bygone film era, but largely though the force of her own personality she has become more celebrated than ever before. Her supporters are torn between whether to admire her more for associating with the likes of Andre Agassi, or for being tipped as the possible next Democratic senator for New York.

Whether or not Streisand is more than sportingly infatuated with the American tennis player (which appears not to be the case, as if it mattered), she has become a sexual icon for American women of a certain age. Her voice, which she trains only with steam baths, is as rich and remarkable as it was 20 years ago. The androgynous *Yentl* look has been replaced with chic Donna Karan suits, but there is nothing matronly about her figure or ambitions, political or filmic.

Her renewed celebrity is even more remarkable for the fact that for nearly 20 years she lived the life of a semi-recluse, refusing to perform in public (after anti-Jewish threats following a 1967 concert in Central Park, allegedly from the PLO) and avoiding both journalists and political risks. Now she courts both.

The change may have come in 1991, with the release of *Prince of Tides*, which she directed and starred in, and which was nominated for seven Oscars. Streisand did not win the award for best director and, livid, she argued that "men are allowed to have passion and commitment for their work, but a woman is allowed that feeling for a man, but not her work".

The film, and her disappointment, seems to have galvanised her. She spearheaded a campaign to boycott Colorado after the state passed anti-gay legislation, vigorously promoted Aids awareness and went on the Democratic campaign trail.

At a gala for the would-be president, she received not the standard I-really-care Clinton embrace but a full without-you-where-would-I-be bear hug. And in return she invented her own lyrics for "It Had To Be You": "It has to be you, just has to be you. You just happen to be the candidate who is long overdue."

The political visibility that has followed is more than the Clinton circle courting Hollywood or a straightforward political pay-off. It represents a real appreciation of the forces which Streisand brings to the presidency: a strident, and sometimes embarrassing Liberalism, to be sure, but also the potential support of thousands of Americans for whom Streisand is a living embodiment of the fact that life can begin again at 50.



Streisand: she dines alone with the Clintons — and may become a New York senator

Case of The Thirty-Nine wobbly Steps

How the knee-jerk reactionaries in Oxford bags almost fooled the KGB

Who did not thrill with pride, reading Brian Crozier's account of the day in 1982 when (cadging the fare from the CIA) this doughty little island sent two Young Conservatives to Moscow with subversive leaflets concealed about their persons? One had a cunning suitcase with a false bottom; but Harry Phibbs, chairman of the Westminster YCs, wore the leaflets as knee-pads in his trousers, and was deported. Stirring stuff.

Now, I take this job pretty seriously, and I would not address you without having first conducted a controlled experiment with my own trousers. I composed a dummy leaflet, calling on the people of the USSR to support bilateralism and condemning peace movements. I cut pages of this newspaper to the appropriate format, bundled them up and stuffed them up the legs of a pair of trousers roughly as roomy as those worn by Young Conservatives in 1982.



LIBBY PURVES

I have to report that the maximum number of leaflets is 63 per leg: and even so, they give the wearer a strange gait. Hobbling past the mirror and raising a nonchalant hand with the words "Morning, Comrade, lovely to visit your beautiful land, ha-ha," I was not entirely convincing. That Mr Phibbs — who surely took more than 126 leaflets, and must have been walking like a penguin — was searched is not surprising. That it apparently took the KGB four hours to find his kneepads suggests a degree of delicacy which throws a whole new light on them.

Mr Crozier is the king of the amateur spooks. He set up a private force in the 1970s to undermine Muscovites who he reckoned had infiltrated not only the TUC and the Labour party but also "the schools and universities, the churches, the media". Like a knight of old he approached "The Lady", offering a "Shield". It had secret meetings with a cast of John Buchan heroes like the late *Harry Sporborg who, although* Norwegian, had a reassuring "Rugby and Cambridge intonation". All it needed was Richard Hannay dressed up as a milkman, and Sir Walter Bullivant beetling his brows.

It sounds wonderful fun. Moles were planted in CND and Militant, and for all we know there may have been secret deacons planted in the parishes and secret dinner-ladies in the schools (although one does suspect that the chaps weren't very familiar with actual schools, since they straight-facedly called their Counter-Subversion Executive the "CSE"). The Lady was drawn in, a Violet Elizabeth Bott to their gang: she was "very earnest" recounts Mr Crozier, and on being given his "Programme of Psychological Action" *unlocked a special cupboard and put it inside.* Joy. Things were only slightly spoilt when Lord Carrington the most internationally experienced of the lot of them, flatly refused to play.

I wish I could feel more grateful to Mr Crozier and his Knights of the Trouser-leg, but irritation keeps breaking through. Of course, conspiracy theorists are occasionally right: but far more often they inflate their enemies like those blow-up effigies of Hulk Hogan which small boys punch. Witness the claim that one in ten of us is a practising Satanist; witness the deluge of batty mail I get, accusing everyone from the Pope to the Masons. Whether alleging communism in the RSPB or aliens stealing babies, writers have two things in common: a palpable glee, and a tendency to counter argument with dark nose-tappings about Certain Things they cannot reveal in the interests of security, but which would definitely convince you if they did.

What irritates is their compulsion to fight invisible fiends instead of real, boring human problems. At one point Mr Crozier tells The Lady what voters want: "safer streets, a choice of jobs ... easier mortgages and more freedom of choice in education". Oh fine: so we got those then, did we? Well, no: but we got a few leaflets into Russia, and a special chap briefed to be "the scourge of Mgr Bruce Kent". Polishing up the ducking-stool for witches always was more popular a pursuit than setting an example of holiness. The devil has all the good tunes.

Still, I treasure the letter to Mr Crozier from Bill Casey of the CIA: "I get a lot out of your reports, which I read faithfully". Am I alone in hearing an echo of Stella Gibbons's tribute to a melodramatist: "Your writings have given me ... joy. It may not have been quite the kind of joy you intended them to give, but it was joy all right".

Best sellers for couch potatoes

Beware: televised home shopping is a sell-out success in America, and it is coming to Britain this autumn

TIME TO PUT away the cooking sherry, British husbands and wives, and indulge in a new afternoon vice coming to a screen near you soon — sophisticated home shopping television. Like millions of overweight Americans, you too will be able to buy genuine simulated Diamontique rings, Ivana Trump's own-brand polyester-rayon suits, ornamental gnomes and serious literature, direct from your couch.

The QVC — for Quality, Value and Convenience — shopping channel, owned by Hollywood mogul-turned-multi-millionaire Barry Diller, is to start a joint enterprise with satellite television in Britain in October. If all goes according to plan, British culture as we know it will be altered beyond repair.

America is already in the throes of destruction. The Home Shopping Club and QVC channels have trapped thousands in their homes, addicted to unrelentingly cheerful presenters rousing them to a purchasing frenzy, 24 hours a day. Deprived of human contact, they no longer even get into their air-conditioned cars to visit the air-conditioned shopping mall.

Home shopping works like this: you tune into channel 55 by mistake while looking for the news and immediately you are hooked. A reassuringly clean-shaven QVC presenter called Jeff is chatting to Linda, a jewellery designer, who wears white stilettoes. "This is one of the richest looks I've seen for under $100, Linda." She twitches into action: "Yes, Jeff, people have been calling me saying 'please, please, please can we have satin-sheen white gold', and seeing something like this imperial-gold-satin-bars ring for just $62.50 *is just that much more* special." A glinting close-up shows precisely how special.

Jeff interrupts the reverie: "We've got Debbie from Tennessee on the line to Linda. She's just bought the ring and bracelet set — congratulations! I could tell you're from Tennessee by that accent, Debbie." Laughs heartily. "Linda, can I ask you something?" asks Debbie, excited. "Please, please can you make clip earrings again?"

BRITAIN HAS already seen some tackier versions of home shopping, but QVC is now moving upmarket, like a rat up a drainpipe. The comedienne, Joan Rivers, has appeared in heavy make-up to sell matching heavy costume jewellery, and poshperson Morgan Fairchild promoted the Diamontique range.

Emboldened by the billions rolling in, QVC has entered the realms of teleliterature. Barbara Taylor Bradford, the English author, agreed to promote her new novel, *Angel*. Thirty minutes on air and she sold 5,000 copies.

Dominick Dunne turned up to tout *A Season in Purgatory*: $21 plus postage, special, to you. He seemed to be having a great deal of fun, selling 1,100 copies during a 15-minute interview. "It was the kind of audience that doesn't usually come to my readings," he said in the politest tones.

The implications for the future of publishing and literature are staggering. When an Oprah Winfrey show featured James Waller's, *The Bridges of Madison County*, the novel sold 250,000 extra copies.

For those tempted to dismiss the teleliterature phenomenon, listen to the words of *The* American Novelist, John Updike, called by a worried *New York Times* for reassurance, which was not forthcoming. "The whole business of authorship is becoming ... aggressively entrepreneurial," he admitted. "So if my publisher asked me to do it, I might. It doesn't seem to me to be worse than some other things we're asked to do."

The Great American Novelist and the Great American Ex-wife, *Ivana Trump*, are of the same mind about home shopping. "Fame is a two-edge sword," said Ms Trump at a recent Clive James debate on



Genuine simulated life: US home shopping channels are compulsive

stardom in New York. She complained about over-exposure, but noted that fame did make her marketable: "In my first appearance on the Home Shopping Network, we sold out in record time. I like that."

Ms Trump's programmes selling her range of fashions have a cult following among worshippers of high kitsch. "Everybody was thinking I dress in incredibly expensive clothes and I did and still do. But I come with the idea of taking all the fantastic trends, all the modern designs and bring them into the fantastic price range," she said.

"If you could get a suit like this for $400, it would be an incredible deal," said hostess *Bobbi Ray*. "But we're going to offer it for $150!" Within minutes, 237 copies of the turquoise synthetic suit adorning Ms Trump were sold.

Trump's honesty about ripoffs is refreshing: "This suit I saw in haute-couture collection in Paris at the Dior collection and it wasn't as nice as I have it here, believe me."

What department store can offer you the chance of speaking to Ivana live if you purchase a little polyester number? Who can resist the hot-blooded impulse buy?

The great American department stores like Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and Macy's are all looking into home shopping programmes. *Barbara Bush's purveyor of* big pearls, jewellery designer Kenneth Jay Lane, last weekend gave QVC viewers a glimpse of New York society by admitting cameras to his party at the snooty Mortimer's restaurant. QVC has brought *Mr Lane $10 million in sales.*

BEFORE BSkyB leaps into the scarily banal world of home shopping, it is our duty to study the effects such a move will have on society. Already, a number of housewives in the American Midwest are attending shopping addict therapy, after bankrupting their husbands. With their only contact the telephone answering machine demanding their credit card number, many have fallen into a spiral of depression.

Of course, great thinkers have predicted this disaster. In 1897, Emile Durkheim, the sociologist, was on to the fact that lack of human contact, with more and more people trapped in their homes, would result in "anomie" — loss of social stability and the increase of anxiety and dissatisfaction.

Last year, Neil Postman's *Technopoly* predicted that technology would isolate people and create a culture without moral foundation. It cannot be long before pundits have a great deal of fun debating whether home shopping television is the new Antichrist.

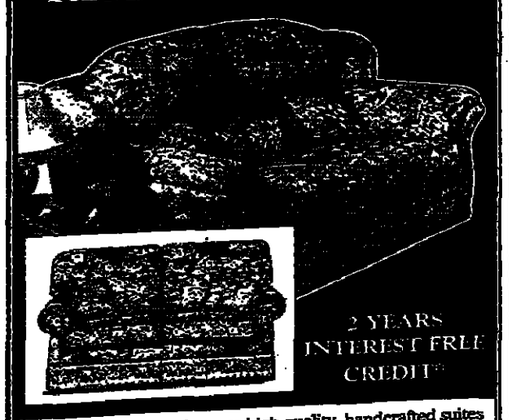
Secretly, the mastermind behind it all knows this. The intelligent and increasingly rich Mr Diller predicts that home shopping will be "part of the architecture of the new world".

KATE MUIR

ON MONDAY

Which member of parliament still keeps his first wife in the deep-freeze?

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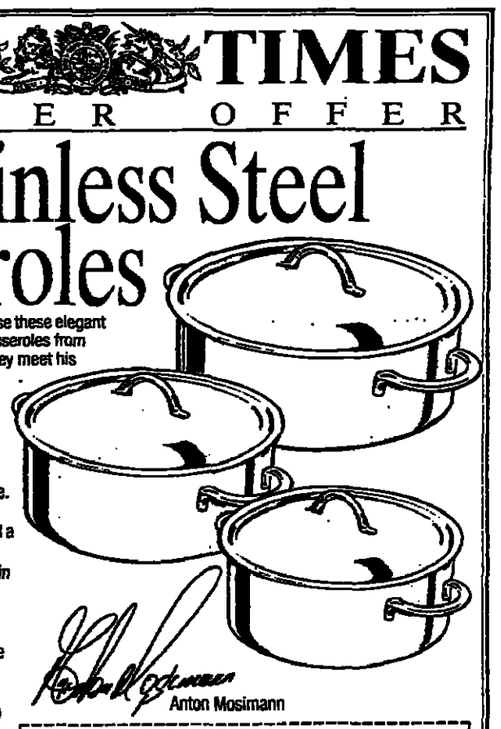
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Philip Howard



■ To treat words as fashion totems is to drain them of meaning

There are serial killers around and they look just like one of us: outwardly gentle, inconspicuous fellows, with no visible eccentricity other than perhaps the common confusion of wearing socks of different colours. The tabloids, you would suppose, would never scream about them: "Chainsaw ripper put 20 hookers in Mum's fridge." But they might scream: "Slapdash scribbler is butchering English language by imprecision." For we are the serial journalists, and we pick up flashy new words from the street corners, and hack them up brutally with chain-cliché and woolly thinking. Eventually the words become so mutilated as to be useless for their original purposes.

Serial itself has recently become a vogue word for describing murderers or suspected murderers, boosted by *The Silence of the Lambs*. But although we overuse it, we hacks usually get it roughly right. A *serial* murderer, in its exact psychological use from the behavioural science section of the FBI, means somebody who commits a series or sequence of murders because of the recurrent madness in his (not often her) brain. He is not exactly the same creature as a mass murderer, or a regular murderer who kills people in the line of business whenever they get in his way, such as Al Capone and other hoodlums. A serial murderer, in his precise definition, ought to kill his victims one after the other for the same sexually batty reason. Jack the Ripper was the classic example, until the recent rage for the topic in thrillers, and, alas, the real world.

In the same way, serial polygamy is not the same as plain (or rather, one would imagine, complex) polygamy. The South Seas and Islam are the places for straight polygamy. But America and the rest of the Western world are the natural homes of serial polygamy, in which spouses are picked up and discarded as serially as tissues. A book is serialised in instalments; learned journals come out serially, each part numbered and chronologically labelled; in computing, serial processing is opposed to parallel processing. A television serial carries over the story from episode to episode, as in *EastEnders*, whereas a series is a succession of self-contained but related broadcast programmes, with the same format, theme, or core group of performers, as in a wildlife series or a recurrent game show.

A serial journalist moves from word to word, picking one up because it is new and impressive, without taking the trouble to get to know it, and flaunting it to fool the ignorant that he is a learned and well-informed fellow. Victims at present in deadly danger from the serial hacks are the word *entropy* and its adjective, *entropic*, which have precise technical meanings in thermodynamics, communication theory and mathematics. They have become so fashionable, to convey an air of spurious authority, that a theatre review recently asserted, in a fine shot at Pseuds' Corner, that an actor's drawl "complements Richardson's *entropic* utterances superbly".

When asked what it meant, the reviewer replied: "I was comparing the acting styles of Frederic Forrest and Miranda Richardson — the former measured and deliberate; the latter, disintegrating, collapsing, disordered. One of the definitions of *entropy* is 'a measure of disorder in a system'. The word 'utterance' was really a synonym for 'performance' in this context." There's glory for you.

Other vogue victims under threat from the serial hacks are *epiphany*, *palimpsest* and *proactive*, which is all the rage. At least the first two have precise technical meanings that are being mutilated by careless use. Here is another recent massacre: "Its eirenic vagueness seems in retrospect to have created, not comprehensive stability, but religious entropy." Is the vagueness eirenic? Is the eirenicon vague? Here is no writing, here is no prose, here is not even English, but merely a flux of serial gobbledegook. "Clarice, does this *random* scattering of impressive words seem overdone to you. Doesn't it seem *desperately* random? Random past all possible convenience? Does it suggest to you the elaborations of a bad bluffer?" Ta, Hannibal Lecter.

Hard, precise words are best. Or, as *Scientific American* put it, picking its language exactly: "Certain combinations of balls yield a greater change in entropy than others."



A fluttering of bishops

Ecclesiastical warnings about the folly of the national lottery will prove about as effective as a statute outlawing greed

Bernard Levin

Here's a stout-hearted bishop: St Albans, who in mufti goes by the name of John Taylor. Where he stands on the ordination of women I know not (nor would I put so much as a toe in that seething cauldron for a thousand years off Purgatory), but he has been speaking in the House of Lords on a subject less noisy, yet not without considerable religious connotations. He was speaking on the National Lottery Bill, and he roundly denounced the very idea of it. He called it a "morally flawed experiment" and urged Christian pastors to tell their congregations to have nothing to do with it and "not to be seduced by the siren voices which say it is all for a good cause", and he waved away that argument, saying "only one pound out of four is going to that cause". He warned against "the greedy voice inside" and ended with a rousing flourish, saying that the lottery was most likely to attract people who could least afford it.

Well, the pools people, who since the lottery idea was broached have been running scared — nay, sprinting terrified — will applaud the Reverend with three times three, and they ought to toss a few thousand into his collection plate next Sunday.

The Bish says that the church has set its face against any kind of gambling, presumably even a tombola and a raffle for Mrs Higginbottom's famed chocolate cake, the proceeds to go to patching up the hole in the church roof. That seems extreme, but I see the logic in it; the hole in the church needs money, but the money should be given as charity; otherwise, our man says, it "would undermine the entire concept of charitable giving".

But is there any secular case to be made against the national lottery? There is one tangential drawback, and a mighty one it is: when it was announced that a proportion of the lottery money would go to worthy but impoverished institutions in the arts and sport and buildings and libraries and what-all, a queue formed overnight which is now several miles long. That, of course, demonstrates the parlous condition of so many worthy bodies and stages, but the snag is that by now the proceeds of the eleemosynary quarter set-aside would have to be several million times the entire national debt, plus the proceeds of at least a thousand massive lotteries a week, for all the claims to be satisfied.

The man of God rightly did not condemn lotteries — which, after all, are only another kind of gambling — as a warning to those who might fall into the trap of obsessive and uncontrollable gambling; an adult must meet his own fate. But there have been many ruined men who fell into the abyss; the drug-addict and alcoholic are more visible in our society (the gambler-addict, it must be said, does not often stab you in his frenzy), but he is to be found in any casino.

I could never be a drunkard or a drug-taker, but I know that the tiny poisoned seed of gambling is within me, and I have built an ironclad structure between a flutter on the roulette-wheel and even one pace towards the abyss. A visit to a casino on holiday in France is invariably preceded by my putting my money, travellers cheques and even credit-cards in the hotel safe, and taking with me only a modest sum that I can lose without getting upset. (A real addict, of course, will go back to the hotel and get his money out of the safe, but that is the difference between him and me.)

All the same, I rather sympathise with the bishop. I shall be condemned for a prig for what I say now, but I can't help it. If I did win a huge sum in a lottery, I would feel uneasy — no, more than uneasy, really troubled — because I would not have earned it; I would like to be enormously rich, but only if I had made my pile with my own talents. And I have another clue: if the lottery were nothing *but* a lottery, I would worry when I won, but if to enter my ticket I had had to do something, however trivial (solve a puzzle, for instance), I would take the money and run with a clear conscience.

We have the most hypocritical gambling rules in the world; until a few years ago, no one was allowed to sit down in a betting-shop, presumably — no, definitely — in case it became a pleasant place where, say, cups of tea were available while the bettors waited to see if the favourite in the 3.30 at Uttoxeter would sprain a fetlock (whatever that might be). At the same time, if our horse does come in first, the money we collect is not taxed, as long as we have been sensible enough to pay the tax — a much smaller amount of course — on the stake. (I am not sure, but I think it is still illegal for British citizens to buy tickets for the Irish Sweep; perhaps the EC has opened a loophole for us to join in. And why does the Irish Sweep still exude romance and excitement?)

Dostoevsky was a terrible gambler; whenever he got some money he was off to Baden-Baden to lose it. Mind you, I was actually filmed at the tables of Baden-Baden, but I didn't make a killing. I never have made a killing; the largest sum I have ever won in any kind of betting was £12 or thereabouts, on the pools. I am one of those who mark the same Littlewoods numbers every week, and am convinced, though I am not superstitious, that if I were to change them my old set of numbers would come up with a jackpot the very next week. (Which reminds me: why do the successful punters have to claim their winning line? In all other forms of gambling, your winnings are waiting for you. Before computers got into the game, Littlewoods had the excuse that so many millions of coupons could not be scrutinised, but now, surely, it could be done easily.)

At the London School of Economics, my *alma mater*, a group of us, preferring our own company to listening to lectures, spent our time playing liar-dice, perhaps the most innocent form of gambling ever invented, particularly because we played for pennies. Nevertheless, passions ran extraordinarily high; I think gambling of any kind must raise passions.

I couldn't think of any use of "gambling" in Shakespeare, and recourse to the concordance revealed why; the OED has no reference until the early 18th century. "Gaming", of course, is much older; there is a fine phrase in *King John*, when the Dauphin says:

> Have I not heere the best Cards for the game
> To winne this easie match, plaid for a Crowne?

Whatever pleas the good bishop makes, he must know that his cause has long been lost. It reminds me of the great struggle over usury in the Middle Ages; that battle, too, was fought by the church, shocked that money should grow in that evil way. The prohibition was enshrined in law at the end of the 12th century, but Aristotle had led the way long before. His argument was that money "was in its nature barren" and fruit should not be grown from that which cannot itself fructify.

There have been terrible outcomes after apparently innocent windfalls; few can forget that unfortunate woman who won the pools and in her elation declared that she was going to "Spend! Spend! Spend!" And spend she did, to such purpose that she went through several husbands and a series of tragedies to rival the House of Atreus.

"Money speaks all languages"; there is a more up-to-date version which goes: "The gentleman over *there* will pay." There were medieval arguments as to the poverty of Christ; I think the concept was at one time a heresy and at another time a dogma. The barefoot friars made sure that they would not have to worry about a windfall by eschewing money altogether; there must be monks and nuns today who do not touch money — I wonder what they make of our forthcoming national lottery.

Which is where we started. The bishop spoke wise words, but in the golden scales they are weighed down by the thrill of winning a fortune. That thrill should not be discounted; *Which?*, that indispensable magazine, has taken to lotteries, presumably to woo subscribers, but the form of their lucky dip, though the first prize is a quarter of a million pounds, is so boring that the customers will fall asleep filling in the coupon.

There is another possibility; who can guarantee that the nation will rush to the lottery booths to buy a ticket? Perhaps we are all satisfied by the pools, and the lottery will be a tremendous flop. If that does happen, the Bishop of St Albans will not go about shouting "I told you so!", much less claim that it was his prayers that were answered, because it would be a most unbishoply thing to do. But he is human, too, and no one could censure him if he went into his study, shut the door, and *smiled*.

Don't defraud justice

A judicial review of the SFO is called for, says **John Nott**

Michael Mates has performed a valuable role in highlighting the behaviour of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), but because he has concentrated on a single *sub judice* case, his statement has obscured wider issues of justice and fair play which should be of great concern to Parliament.

In 1990 I wrote an article for *The Times* entitled "Fair play, even in fraud", and since then my concern about infringement of natural justice in fraud cases has not diminished. I wrote as a layman and a former parliamentarian, not as a lawyer anxious to defend a system. I recognise that balancing public and private interests is difficult in an area where the alleged offender seemingly has some advantages over the prosecuting authorities. But I have never accepted — and nor should Parliament accept — that an alleged fraudster, merely because he is clever and difficult to catch, is any less entitled to fair play and justice than a murderer, rapist or terrorist.

It is many years since the Roskill committee proposed a stricter regime for fraud, although it is worth remembering that it said that a lapse of more than 18 months between committal and trial would be unacceptable. It is now clear that many years may pass between committal and trial, that the defence can be deluged by an array of unrelated charges, some of them brought very late, and that justice is perverted by attempts to use the media circus either to advertise the zealous pursuit of their duty by the SFO or publicly to pillory suspicions about an alleged fraudster. The attorney-general must be living in an ivory tower if he can seriously argue that there is no "tangible or verifiable evidence" that the SFO tips off the media about its raids and arrests. Frequently the publicity about such raids on ongoing businesses results in losses for investors and creditors greater than those at the hands of the alleged fraudsters.

We have it on the evidence of John Wood, a former director of the SFO, when giving evidence to a parliamentary committee, that in the department of trade and industry Guinness investigation, transcripts of evidence were passed by the DTI "over a period of months" to the SFO and then to the police while the investigations were still proceeding and without any caution to the witnesses.

While a DTI investigation is in progress, witnesses are unaware of what other witnesses are saying, have no opportunity to question those witnesses or answer allegations, nor to see the documents on which they are to be questioned; nor at that stage do they have a chance to comment on the inspectors' likely findings and criticisms. Why have no changes been proposed by the law officers or the board of trade since the widespread criticisms of the conduct of the SFO in the Blue Arrow affair?

Parliament should ask itself again why the right to silence should be denied in one section of the criminal law and not another.

In the Pergamon case, Lord Justice Sachs stated, with the agreement of Lord Denning: "I find it difficult to conclude that Parliament intended an entirely different standard of protection against self-incrimination for the individual under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act codes of practice to that prevailing in fraud cases under the Companies Act."

The behaviour of the SFO, and the present law and procedure relating to the pursuit of fraud, should now be investigated by an independent judge, not by the Director of Public Prosecutions or the attorney-general's office. Why? Barbara Mills, the head of the SFO when many of the alleged abuses were perpetrated, is now the DPP and the attorney-general's office includes former officers of the SFO. How can natural justice be served if these people investigate themselves?

Sir John Nott was the trade secretary from 1979 to 1981.

Fellows' favourite

UNIVERSITY College, which flew the stars and stripes the day after President Clinton's election, has been rewarded. Professor John Albery, Master of the Oxford college where Clinton spent two years as a Rhodes scholar, finally met the American president on Wednesday.

Albery, who celebrated the election victory with a champagne breakfast with fellows of Univ, is touring the United States with his college choir and orchestra. His visit took in the Oval Office, the president's private dining-room, where a print of the college hangs on the wall, and Clinton's private study, where a photograph records the momentous day last November when an American flag flew over an Oxford college.

Clinton asked after Douglas Millen, the college porter in his Oxford days, whom he invited to his inauguration, and told Albery that he was eager to return to Oxford to receive the honorary degree he was awarded shortly after his election. The university is equally eager for a visit from Clinton, which would make up for some of the flak it took during the campaign.

Albery, who presented the president with a watercolour by Sir Hugh Casson of the fellows' garden, kept the college in the dark about his visit, and staff were astonished when told that the meeting had finally taken place.

Leslie Mitchell, a history don, is delighted. "Everyone here will be very pleased. There has always been a strong link between the college and President Clinton. The link has never been broken. There will be great excitement if he does come to receive his honorary degree. He is our most outstanding alumnus at the moment."

Gundogs

UNCOVERING the Iraqi supergun was the culmination of two years of painstaking detective work. But the vital pipework almost eluded the authorities completely.

The reason for the near miss is simple, Justice Scott's enquiry has heard. MI6 never told customs officials, who eventually carried out the dramatic seizure of the eight steel tubes at the dockside at Teesport in April 1990, what to look for.

Confusion reigned when the customs team turned up with sniffer dogs — canines more used to unearthing cocaine than munitions parts. But there is apparently no truth in the rumour that the big break came when one of their dogs mistook a pipe for a lamp-post.

● *It is not only Jacques Delors who is having image problems. The Salvation Army's headquarters in London has just received a letter from a primary school in Southampton detailing the results of a survey it carried out. Of 233 pupils asked "What is the Salvation Army?", 40 of the Netley Abbey Junior School pupils said it was a "group of people who place bombs in London".*



DIARY

Down to the ducks

THERE may soon be a new hazard in Hyde Park, where walkers are already in danger of being scythed down by roller-skating youths. In the very near future, the aged and infirm could well be joining in the youngsters' merriment — whizzing around the pathways in electronic buggies.

So successful has been the appeal to raise money for the gaudy Queen Elizabeth Gate, which will be opened by the Queen on Tuesday, that a new fundraising venture for Hyde Park will be launched next week. This time the money will be used for little buggies, provided free of charge by the Royal Parks, to transport the elderly and the disabled wherever they wish to go within Hyde Park, such as down to the Serpentine to feed the ducks.

One is assured, however, that there is no danger of the Queen Mother, to whom the gates are dedicated, arriving at the opening ceremony in one of the menacing little machines.

Impossible task

MANY Tory MPs hoped that after remodelling Margaret Thatcher's image, from voice to hairstyle, Sir Gordon Reece could do the same for John Major. They will be disappointed. Reece, after only a few months back in No 10, has withdrawn from Major's team of advisers.

Many parliamentarians were surprised to see Major recalling to the fold one of Baroness Thatcher's closest advisers, but it appears Reece's return was not a happy one. On too many occasions his views and advice were at odds with those of other key members of Major's kitchen cabinet, such as Sarah Hogg, the head of the Downing Street policy unit, and Gus O'Donnell, the prime minister's press secretary.

● *Reece's departure from No 10 leaves him free to dedicate a little time to the client who made him famous, Baroness Thatcher. She certainly looks in need of a little advice. With her memoirs now completed, Lady Thatcher is filling the empty hours by sitting in the House of Lords listening to interminable speeches on Maastricht. But speaking not one word. "You may hear from her on the referendum debate," said one of her aides. It will be worrying indeed if we don't.*



The cringing detectives

Inspector Morse (*right, with his boss*) will be spluttering in his beer at the proposals outlined in yesterday's Sheehy enquiry into the police force, for the TV detective with a passion for opera and real ale would be no more. His rank of chief inspector, should the report's recommendations be implemented, would be abolished. Promotion, says his creator Colin Dexter, would be out of the question. "He would be very sad because he is a vain man," says Dexter. "But I think he would be more worried about his pension than anything else. It's certainly something he would bring up at the next meeting of staff at headquarters."

Morse is not the only TV policeman facing an uncertain future. The report would see off three characters from *The Bill*, and the memorably rustic Chief Inspector Wexford. But there would be consolation for Morse. "He would be a little cheered to see his boss, Chief Superintendent Strange, lose his rank too," says Dexter.

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TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Germany's high interest rates will continue to hurt Europe

Yesterday, the Bundesbank shaved half a point off German interest rates. Unusually, its decision was trailed in advance by Bill Clinton in Washington and, before that, by the French economics minister, Edmond Alphandéry. Once again, the mighty Bundesbank was apparently succumbing to foreign political pressure.

At first sight, the Bundesbank's move might have seemed an important contribution towards the strategy for global economic recovery which President Clinton, along with John Major, have been promoting as the main item on the agenda for next week's G7 summit. On closer inspection, however, the omens for the Tokyo summit are less favorable.

Germany's small and reluctant monetary easing will not improve the grim picture for continental Europe presented yesterday by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. As Britain and America have both made clear for months, there are two major contributions that Germany and other EC countries could make to ending the global recession: to reduce their interest rates sharply and to offer more constructive compromises on the Gatt world trade talks. Although on trade, the Americans are as much to blame as the Europeans for the present stalemate, on monetary policy the case for dramatic easing in Europe is clear.

Decisions on interest rates in continental Europe are not, however, made by G7 leaders, but by the Bundesbank. And while the Bundesbank is susceptible to political pressure, its history suggests a slow, reluctant response that could end up by satisfying no-one. Certainly the German monetary easing will have come too late to prevent a dangerous, and wholly unnecessary, economic slump in continental Europe — as evidenced by the OECD outlook, with its forecasts of a decline this year in every major European economy save Britain. For most of these countries, including France, Italy and Spain, the falls projected this year in gross domestic product will be the first such declines since 1975.

The slump 20 years ago was triggered by a catastrophic world inflation, culminating in a quadrupling of oil prices. But this year's recession coincides with what should have been one of the most benign developments in the economic history of Europe — the creation of the single market. This juxtaposition suggests that the main causes of the European recession lie not in international conditions, but within Europe itself.

What then is responsible for the European recession? And what can be done about it? The first answer is the one suggested by President Clinton — the tight monetary policy pursued by the Bundesbank. But blaming the Bundesbank does not answer the second question. For while there is an overwhelming case for much lower interest rates in Europe as a whole, the case for dramatic rate cuts is less convincing if viewed from the purely German standpoint, which the Bundesbank is consitutionally obliged to take. With inflation in Germany now higher than in any other G7 country, and the government budget deficit still swollen, the Bundesbank will remain understandably cautious in easing interest rates.

France and the other European countries which continue to link their currencies to the mark, are probably due for a disappointment, therefore, if they think that the Bundesbank's susceptibility to outside political pressure will now guarantee them a smooth ride out of recession. The last time a foreign politician announced a cut in German interest rates ahead of the Bundesbank was in September last year, when Giulio Amato, the then Italian prime minister, declared triumphantly that Germany had agreed to ease monetary policy to stabilise the ERM after Italy devalued the lira. That was three days before Black Wednesday.

PARTY OF PATRONISERS

Labour should not dabble with parliamentary quotas

Seventy five years after the first enfranchisement of women, Labour's decision to prevent men from standing for the party in around 40 parliamentary seats has split its ranks and will probably put off more voters than it attracts. It is a foolish and patronising proposal that threatens to undermine more serious cross-party efforts to increase the number of women in the Commons.

The problem which this quota scheme seeks to address is undeniable. Since 1918, only 163 women have been elected to the Commons, of whom fewer than a dozen have reached the Cabinet. There are still only 59 female MPs, less than 10 per cent of the total. The frustration of women at this sluggish progress towards equality of political opportunity is entirely justified.

Yet Labour's proposed solution discredits the cause it claims to advance. Preventing men from standing as candidates in half of all seats in which a sitting Labour MP is retiring or which Labour believes it can win from other parties, is clearly unjust to male politicians who have the ill fortune to live in such an area. A political party can of course choose parliamentary candidates in any way it wishes. But it will be taken less seriously by electors the further it strays from the basic principles of political meritocracy.

Nor is there any reason to suppose that the scheme would be any more beneficial to female politicians than the earmarking of three shadow cabinet seats for women has proven to be. Forcing constituency parties to adopt female candidates *en bloc* might salve consciences in the national executive but it would not in itself alter the attitudes of local Labour activists to individual female politicians. Recent American history shows that quotas do not bring about cultural revolution. On the contrary, they tend to create resentment, accentuate division and institutionalise discrimination. A woman who was preferred in this way could never honestly claim to have been given a mandate by her constituency party. She would also find it deeply embarrassing to stand against a Conservative woman who had been selected without positive discrimination.

Labour need only look at the political damage which the quota mentality has caused President Clinton to realise that it should not go any further down this path. In his efforts to create an administration that "looks like America" he has limited his chances of creating one that can serve America. His nomination of an alleged supporter of racial quotas to oversee civil rights in the justice department had to be withdrawn amid a political storm. Labour cannot afford such animosities and controversies as it seeks to avoid a fifth successive electoral defeat.

The party should instead concentrate on making a career in Parliament more appealing to women. The cross-party campaign "Women into Politics", which is organising an advisory service and a series of seminars, and Emily's List, which helps finance Labour women candidates, are steps in the right direction. Labour should also lobby for childcare facilities in Westminster and changes to parliamentary hours which would make it easier for mothers to become MPs. Equality of opportunity is fostered by encouraging ambition and removing obstacles to it; the phony philosophy of quotas should have no part in a modernised Labour party.

NODDY HITS THE JACK-POT

Children are the best experts on what they want to read

It was a glum day in Toyland. Noddy and his car were very tired and dirty from all the rude things people were saying about them.

First of all Mr Fat Man, their funny old publisher, had gone off pop. Then Mr Lugubrious the librarian had refused to have Noddy's books on his shelves because he said they were rubbish. Miss Politically-Correct, the educationist, had said that Noddy was racialist and sexist, ageist and lookist, fatist and probably sado-masochist. Noddy did not begin to understand these big words, but he could tell from the way she shouted that she was cross with him. So Noddy and his adventures were not put on the list of books recommended for little children by Mr Patten, the Minister. And that was sad, because Noddy had always thought of little children as his best friends.

Then some very grumpy people started taking away his chums and rewriting his stories. They said that they were making Noddy "right-on" for the Nineties. But other people called this censorship and bowdlerisation. All the golliwogs were sent away from Toyland, and replaced by goblins who were said to be "culturally transparent". Noddy thought that this meant he should be able to see through them, just like the windows in his little Toytown house. But Gobbo and the other goblins were not half so much fun as the dear old golliwogs. Noddy's best friend, Big-Ears, was only just allowed to stay. The grumpy people said he was an insult to the aurally challenged.

Noddy was not even allowed to jump into bed with Big-ears for a cuddle over a nice warm cup of cocoa any more, because of the "gay overtones". He had never thought of that as gay, just comfy. Now they had to sleep in different beds, which was not at all gay. Miss Rap had changed her name to Miss Prim, and her spanking slipper had been taken away. PC Plod was no longer allowed to say: "Sammy soldier deserves a good spanking for that." Now he had to say: "Sammy soldier should be punished for that," which did not sound half as scary. And in France the children called Noddy Oui-Oui. Noddy did not think that was nice.

Noddy sat on a stool, feeling very miserable and sorry for himself. "Nobody loves me!" he sobbed. "They all think I'm bad, but I'm not, I'm not! Oh, I'm so lonely!"

"No you're not," said a voice behind him. "I'm here." "Auntie!" said Noddy. "I didn't hear you come in. Are *you* still talking to me?" "Of course I am," said Auntie BBC. "You are my little treasure, Noddy. Toytown with your new friends is my goldmine. The new series I have made about you, even with the politically correct changes, is selling like ice-cream cornets overseas. You have doubled the profits of BBC Enterprises to nearly £12 million. We are selling your books, video and audio tapes, a fortnightly magazine, and lots and lots of lovely Toytown toys."

"Gosh!" said Noddy. "I *knew* the children loved me." "Of course, they do, Noddy," said Auntie. "Trust me."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Political parties and donations

From Mr Richard S. Rowntree

Sir, As a member of the commission that produced the 1981 Hansard Society report, *Paying for Politics* (Diary, June 28), I believe there is now an increasing realisation in all political parties that financial dependence on vested interests, however worthy, ultimately weakens a party's influence. Both the major parties have recently experienced the trauma of soliciting substantial donations from individuals whose probity subsequently proved doubtful.

Paying for Politics, in a majority finding, identified the urgent need for agreement on a new method of financing party politics, with a system that encouraged all parties to rely primarily on their grass-roots supporters. Today, the required measures are not direct state grants to parties, but careful provisions for matching individual contributions up to an agreed maximum sum of perhaps £20 per head.

Such arrangements, together with legal requirements that all grants to parties from corporate bodies must be approved by a majority of their members or shareholders and that the names of individual donors of sums in excess of, say, £5,000 must be published in the parties' annual accounts, would now serve to re-establish the quality and sincerity of British politics from their present low ebb.

It should surely be possible for the parties to co-operate in determining on a solution to these difficulties. Failure to do so will inevitably result in an increase in the prevailing disenchantment with politics in general and political parties in particular.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD S. ROWNTREE,
Kingthorpe House,
Pickering, North Yorkshire.
July 1.

From Sir Nigel Mobbs

Sir, Norman Willis (letter, June 26) complains of a "gross disparity" between the rules governing the political donations made by trade unions and companies.

First, however, there is a legal requirement on companies, public and private, to declare in their accounts any donations they make to political parties. There is no such legal requirement on unions, nor does the Labour party publish a list showing how much every individual union gives.

Second, shareholders have a say over their company's political donations. They have the right to vote on the report and accounts at their annual general meeting — and, if they object, they can sell their shareholding, just as trade unionists can opt out of the political fund (though I understand selling shares is easier).

Third, like the Conservatives, the Labour party does not publish a list of individual donors.

Companies give to the Conservatives without gaining political rights but the unions' donations to Labour buy them a 70 per cent block vote at the party's annual conference, a 40 per cent block vote in the party's leadership election and a 40 per cent block vote in the selection of Labour candidates.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL MOBBS
(Chairman and Chief Executive,
Slough Estates plc),
Slough Estates House,
234 Bath Road,
Slough, Berkshire.
June 30.

The 'Steel' letter

From Mr Michael Bromley-Martin

Sir, It was to me, as one of the defence counsel in the Virani bail case (report, July 1), and to David Freeman, defence solicitor, that a lawyer from the Serious Fraud Office handed a letter that purported to come from Sir David Steel, at the High Court hearing on April 1, 1992. It was said that the letter had been sent to the SFO by fax, under cover of a second letter that we were shown, the latter purporting to come from D. J. Freeman & Co.

Both letters were patently false, the "Steel" letter omitting that gentleman's knighthood and the "D.J. Freeman" letter being on considerably out-of-date notepaper. All were agreed on the utter crassness of such an attempt at humour in such circumstances. I would hope that the individual responsible within the SFO was made to feel very uncomfortable. But there was nothing sinister about it.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BROMLEY-MARTIN,
3 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
July 1.

Pulpit policies

From Mr Philip E. Jones

Sir, Mr Keith Kemp wonders in his letter today whether prayer is suitable protest by the man in the pew when an archbishop offends. I have been praying since 1984 for the conversion or removal of an Anglican bishop who (I suppose) regularly recites the apostles' creed and periodically (I know) declares his disbelief in it.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP E. JONES,
27 Craigiebield Crescent,
Penicuik, Midlothian.
June 26.

Healing the rift between the cures

From Dr Fleur Fisher

Sir, Simon Jenkins says ("Turn back to the quacks", June 26) that "patients, not doctors, should decide which of the many alternative forms of medicine may be practised".

It is not the British Medical Association's place to assess the efficacy or validity of non-conventional therapy, but for the sake of the patient's welfare and confidence, non-conventional therapists should regulate themselves, and some therapies should be regulated by Parliament. An exemplary model is that of the statutory regulation of osteopathy.

Mr Jenkins suggests that a campaign has been waged by a medical profession, unable to admit its limitations, on finally victorious alternative therapists. Orthodox medicine has never claimed to be infallible and the BMA stands neither against nor for non-conventional therapies, but recognising its duty to safeguard public health, it suggests how protection may be afforded against those few who may cause harm.

There is no war against therapies that may indeed be complementary. Our report recommends that closer collaboration between the medical profession and practitioners of non-conventional medicine should be encouraged in research. However, the safety of their patients demands that practitioners of non-conventional therapies should be regulated to minimum standards of training, qualifications, research and ethical practice.

Yours faithfully,
FLEUR FISHER
(Head of ethics, science and information division),
British Medical Association,
BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1.
June 28.

From the Chairman of the Confederation of Healing Organisations

Sir, Simon Jenkins warns that healing may become subject to regulation "not by its practitioners but by consumers". This confederation, which represents 14 healing and radionic associations, is aware of that fact. We have no objection to a reasonable measure of regulation one day — but for the present we have no alternative to self-regulation.

However, to us, the safety of the patient must be the over-riding consideration. We are constantly raising standards, but this is not enough.

We have therefore over the last 12 years pioneered the complementary medicine movement. We offer healing not as an alternative to orthodox medicine but as a complement. We produced our code of conduct, which is obligatory, after consultation with the royal colleges of medicine, the BMA and the General Medical Council.

We forbid healers to diagnose in place of a registered medical practitioner. We advise patients to consult a doctor if they have not already done so. We accept rules 42 and 43 of the GMC's book, *Professional Conduct and Discipline: Fitness to Practise*, which provide that the doctor remains in charge of his patient. We therefore come within the ambit of the Department of Health's stated policy and healing is therefore eligible for payment by the NHS.

There are individuals and organisations who offer healing without being members of the CHO. Patients are at risk from charlatans and practitioners who feel free to pronounce upon medical matters beyond their training and capacity. To be sure of avoiding this, patients should check that their practitioner is bound by a strict code of conduct and committed to a complementary relationship with the medical profession.

The CHO helped to found the British Complementary Medicine Association, which is developing a similar policy of complementarity for its many associations.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID L. REPARD,
Chairman, Confederation of Healing Organisations,
113 High Street,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
June 28.

From Mr Geoffrey Sadow

Sir, Simon Jenkins seems to assume that each person's back trouble is the same as the next person's.

Whilst most back pain may well be orthopaedic or mechanical in origin, this is certainly not always the case. The services of a properly trained and qualified medical practitioner may therefore be essential to arrive at a correct diagnosis. Diagnosis must surely precede treatment.

Competition from alternative therapists is not necessarily unwelcome. However, qualified medical specialists should be able to compete on equal terms and therefore they should be allowed to advertise to the public.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY SADOW
(Orthopaedic surgeon),
19 Coombe Ridings,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
June 26.

Police service changes

From the Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities

Sir, Not the least disappointing aspect of the government's white paper proposals for reorganising the police service (report, June 29) is the further degree of unravelling of local government which it promotes.

Increasingly, local government is treated as a collection of separate services, administered separately, and often by appointed bodies rather than accountable elected authorities.

Law and order cannot be divorced from the general problems of the community, or indeed from the services provided by local authorities. Further to distance the police service from the leadership of local government will reduce the opportunities for effective collaboration. It is, moreover, offensive that the chairmanship, and a significant proportion of the membership, of bodies charged with one of the most sensitive areas of public policy and administration should be determined by central government patronage.

As with education and health, the government seems determined to prefer accountability to ministers rather than the local community.

This further erosion of local democracy hardly represents the "renaissance" of local government which the prime minister proclaimed earlier this year.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. BEECHAM,
Chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities,
35 Great Smith Street,
Westminster, SW1.

Lost countryside

From Mr William Sheate

Sir, The sentiments expressed by David Goode and others (letter, June 24) in support of Oxleas Wood are to be applauded. This treasured part of London's countryside should not be sacrificed to questionable economic benefits — the primary justification for a road promoted by the Department of Transport.

The Oxleas scheme is one of the most visible of many which illustrate the DoT's failure to take proper account of the environmental impact of its roads programme.

How does the DoT respond to public concern? Instead of assessing road schemes strategically for their environmental impact it publishes a guide to the planting of wildflowers on road verges. However welcome, wildflowers cannot replace the heritage lost under tarmac.

Ministerial protestations that the roads programme brings environmental benefits reveal an astonishing detachment from the concerns of the public and a failure to grasp the long-term consequences of a roads-biased transport policy.

The DoT seems determined to reshape the English countryside to fit its roads programme rather than the other way around.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM SHEATE
(Assistant Secretary),
Council for the Protection of Rural England,
Warwick House,
25 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
June 29.

Leading languages

From Dr Bengisu Rona

Sir, Mr P. J. Woodman (letter, June 19) rightly pointed out the importance of studying the Turkic languages of the former Soviet Union at academic institutions in this country.

However, I challenge Mr B. S. Adams's argument (letter, June 24) that Russian will for the time being remain more accessible and useful for serious purposes in the southern republics of the former Soviet Union than the Turkic languages.

Russian may indeed be successful in retaining its status as an international means of communication in the region — but this makes certain bold assumptions about how long Russian will remain politically and culturally acceptable there, and perhaps it underestimates the challenge English may make.

Mr Adams's point that the speakers of the Turkic languages are mainly the lower echelons of society might accord with the viewpoint of some former Russian officials in the region. More significantly, the demise of the Soviet empire has boosted the pride of the peoples of the region in their national languages, which are seen as an important element of their political and cultural independence.

There is, therefore, a good case for expanding provision for the study of Turkic languages nationally.

Yours faithfully,
B. RONA
(Chair, Standing Committee of University Teachers of Turkish in Britain),
University of London,
School of Oriental and African Studies,
Thornhaugh Street, WC1.

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Faux pas at Royal Ballet party

From Lady MacMillan

Sir, John Major's "classless society" seems to be receiving a curious interpretation by the British embassy and the British Council in Paris.

I have just returned after the Royal Ballet's first Paris tour in more than 30 years. A party was given at the embassy on June 24 for all associated with the company. They were told it would be in two parts, a sit-down dinner and a buffet supper, both black-tie. There would be five places for the company at the dinner and the rest would go to the buffet supper.

The places for the dinner naturally went to three members of the Royal Ballet management and to an ex-member of the board of directors and his wife, who had travelled especially to Paris to support the tour.

Those with dinner invitations were ushered through one door and the rest of us into a wing looking across the central courtyard onto the wing containing the dinner tables. Nobody from the embassy or the British Council greeted the company or crossed the courtyard to meet them.

The "buffet supper" consisted of some plates of canapés, no hot food and nowhere to sit. The company consisted of dancers, musicians, backstage staff and stage crew, all of whom had had a gruelling day with a "get out, get in" dress rehearsal and performance of a triple bill.

Everyone had gone to great trouble to wear evening dress as requested and I actually think the members of Parisian society being given dinner might have enjoyed mingling with the likes of Darcey Bussell, Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov.

In the 20 or more years that I have been on Royal Ballet tours with my late husband, Kenneth MacMillan, I have never seen anyone from the Royal Opera House behave badly on tour or at any official function. They take seriously the fact that they are representing their country and over the years have earned many thousands of pounds' worth of overseas currency for Britain and the Royal Opera House.

In 1993 nobody deserves to be snubbed in this patronising "end of Empire" fashion and certainly not by official British representatives, some of whose job it is to promote British culture abroad.

Yours faithfully,
DEBORAH MacMILLAN,
11 Spencer Park, SW18.
June 28.

Play the game

From Mr J. L. Barrons

Sir, It is clear that more time should elapse between overs in Test matches.

As the Lord's Test confirmed, the time required by 11 fit players to take up new positions is not enough for the occupants of the Warner Stand. On the upper deck alone at least 80 MCC members and friends undertook journeys between overs.

Their passage was obstructed by more than umpires, wickets, batsmen and pigeons. They had to use, or avoid, arthritic knees, step over multi-litre freezer boxes and meet a contra-flow of others returning. The game became a matter of four-ball overs for both the itinerants and the seated.

Might not the cricket wait until the Warner Stand settles down?

Yours etc,
J. L. BARRONS,
3 Chesterford Gardens,
Hampstead, NW3.
July 1.

Well worn

From Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, Thirty years for a dinner jacket (*Mr Fernie's letter, June 29*)? A mere chicken — let's at least get into the 1950s. Three weeks ago I acted as usher at a service in one of the City's oldest churches attired in the morning suit which bears the date 28. 3. 41 inside its breast pocket. Having been made by the superb tailor in the shop of Albert Gard of Winchester, it is, of course, still in perfect condition.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Milnthorpe,
Winchester, Hampshire.
June 29.

From Mr P. R. M. Burrows

Sir, I was surprised to learn it could be considered abnormal for a dinner-jacket to last 30 or more years, since my own and my morning suit both date from 1938, while my father attended my daughter's wedding in 1970 dressed in his 1908 morning suit.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BURROWS,
2a Royal Chase,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
June 29.

From Dr Martin Wright

Sir, Mr Fernie's dinner-jacket has had a long and strenuous life. My own, after a much quieter time, is still with me and usable after 62 years.

Next bid!

Yours etc,
MARTIN WRIGHT (aged 80),
Fernley House, The Green,
Croxley Green,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
June 30: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new Tollbooth Arts Centre and was received by the Chairman, Environmental Health and Leisure Services Committee, Stewartry District Council (Mr Nigel Hesketh).

Having toured the building, escorted by the Curator for Museums and Galleries Service (Dr David Devereux), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Ian Lang MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

July 1: Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, was received by The Queen.

The Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was received by Her Majesty and reported on the recent proceedings of the General Assembly.

Mr Graeme Munro, Director of Historic Scotland, was received by The Queen and presented to Her Majesty an album of photographs of the adaptation of the Palace of Holyroodhouse for the European Council.

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Wickes was received by The Queen upon his retirement as Superintendent of the Palace of Holyroodhouse when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party, in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal, Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar and the Lady Saltoun and the Hon Elizabeth Ramsay were present.

The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, under the command of the Captain-General, Colonel the Lord Clydesmuir KT, Gold Stick for Scotland, was on duty.

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

The Band of the Scots Guards played selections of music.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, the Maritime Trust, this morning opened the Discovery Visitor Centre, Discovery Point, Dundee, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Dundee (Mr Thomas McDonald, the Lord Provost).

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, Mr Simon Bowes Lyon (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire) was present at Hatfield Airport, Hertfordshire, this morning upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Mozambique and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 1: The Princess Royal this morning visited Royal Air Force Turnhouse and the Joint Maritime Operational Facility, Pitreavie Castle, Fife.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today received a party of the Alumni of International Students House.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 1: The Prince of Wales today visited Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness this morning visited John McGavigan and Company, Woodilee Road, Kirkintilloch.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Keystone Valves Limited, 91 Meiklewood Road, Drumoyne, and attended a Quality Driver Meeting.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 1: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of the Princess of Wales.

July 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President, St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, was present this evening at a Russian Ball held at Luton Hoo in aid of St John Ambulance.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE;
July 1: The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Adjutant General's Corps, this morning departed Royal Air Force Northolt to visit Units of the Corps in Hereford and Bielefeld, Germany.

Miss Suzanne Marland is in attendance.

YORK HOUSE.
ST JAMES'S PALACE.
July 1: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards and Patron, ALP 4000, today left RAF Northolt to meet the Climbing Expedition in Switzerland.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, London SW19.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Co-patrons, this evening attended the Anglo-Jordanian Society Dinner at the Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Troughton and Commander Roger Walker, RN were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the new headquarters of the Royal Bank of Scotland at Drummond House, Edinburgh, at 11.20.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief, will present new colours to The King's Regiment at the Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow, at 12.30.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal Academy of Music, will attend a graduation at the academy at 10.30; and, as Patron of Music in Country Churches, will attend a concert given by the English Chamber Orchestra at St Mary the Virgin, Redgrave, Suffolk, at 8.05.

Prince Edward, as President of The Lord's Taverners, will attend the test match between England and Australia and a reception at Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club at 5.00; and will attend a dinner at the Royal Moat House International Hotel, Nottingham, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Butler Trust, will visit Saughton Prison, Edinburgh, at 9.30; and will open the Leazes wing of the RVI, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 12.40.

Princess Margaret will attend a garden party for the ex-service disabled given by the "Not Forgotten" Association at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 3.20; and will visit Canongate Kirk at 5.00.

The Duke of Kent will visit Banbury School, Oxfordshire, at 11.00.

PETER TREVNOR



Cure-all: a 101-year-old shoulder of ham, hung here by Katherine Higgins of Christie's, was sold yesterday by the auction house for £990, making it almost certainly the most expensive as well as the oldest ham in the world (John Shaw writes). It was expected to make only £200-300 and was bought by Michael Feller, 47, an Oxford butcher. The cured ham is 12in long, blackened with age, and probably from a suckling pig. It weighs 1½-2lb and was originally bought by a provision merchants in Leeds from a supplier in Chicago in 1892. The ham is preserved with borax, and spent much of its life as a curiosity hanging in the firm's office. The under bidder was a representative from Borax Consolidated who still produce the preservative. Borax is mined in California but is now only used in Russia for preserving caviare. Mr Feller said: "It will hang up in our shop in Oxford Covered Market. It's unique and lovely to have. They said at the sale it wouldn't be edible but I think it would. I think if you cut it thin and take it from the middle you could eat it."

Birthdays today

Lord Beloff, 80; Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, 53; Lady Crawshay, chairman, Local Government Boundary Commission, Wales, 66; Sir Hugh Cubitt, former chairman, The Housing Corporation, 65; Mr Dennis Flanders, artist, 78; Miss Jerry Hall, model, 37; Lord Home of the Hirsel, KT, 90; Lord Mackay of Clashfern, 66; Mr Dennis Marks, general director, English National Opera, 45; Mr Ferdinand Mount, journalist, 54; Lord Owen, 55; Lord Sieff of Brimpton, 80; Mrs Ann Taylor, MP, 46; Mr John Timpson, broadcaster, 65; Canon F.C. Tindall, principal emeritus, Salisbury Theological College, 93; the Duke of Wellington, KG, 78; Sir Alan Wilson, former chairman, Glaxo Group, 87.

Luncheons

Lord Ezra
Lord Ezra was host at a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday for the Westminster branch of the Institute of Management. Lord Bottomley, president of the branch, attended and Dr Mary Archer was the guest speaker.

HM Government
Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee.

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor
Sir David Napley, Chairman of Council of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at 21 Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, after the annual meeting.

Memorial lecture

Viscountess Stansgate
A lecture in memory of Margaret Viscountess Stansgate was delivered yesterday in the Grand Committee Room of the House of Commons by the Right Hon Lord Jakobovits. The Hon Gerard Noel and Mr Tony Benn, MP, also spoke. The Chairman was the Right Rev Lord Coggan.

School news

Belmont
(Mill Hill Junior School)
Today is Parents' Day. Speeches and Prizegiving will be held at Mill Hill School at 11.00am at which Lord Slynn of Hadley will take the Chair, and the Guest of Honour will be Mr Peter Mason, MBE, former High Master of the Manchester Grammar School and Director of the ISIS National Research Project. House Athletics Finals will be held at Belmont in the afternoon. The School is pleased to announce that the first Old Belmontians' Day will be on Sunday, July 3, 1994. Any Old Boys who have not received the mailing are asked to contact the School Secretary.

Eton College
Eton College closes today. There are 271 boys leaving, including the Captain of School, A.C. Roberts KS, and the Captain of the Oppidans, N. Arora OS.

Dr G.F. Liptrot, Mr G.I. Allen and Mr K.A. Masser are retiring, and Mr N.J.T. Jaques, Mr M.C. Meredith and Mr C.N. Goodman are giving up their Houses.

The House IVs were won by Dr T.C. Basey's and the Aquatic Cup by College. In the final of House Cricket Mr C.J.O. Cook's defeated Mr N.R. Colquhoun's by 118 runs. School opens for the Michaelmas Half on September 8.

Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks
The Governors announce the award of the following scholarships:

Foundation Scholarships, at age eleven, to Victoria Brookes (Russell House School, Otford) and Deborah Nelson-Gracie (Hilden Oaks School, Tonbridge); The Friends and Parents' Award to Sophia Passmore (Walthamstow Hall Junior School); Sixth-form Scholarship to Louise Palmer; Sixth-form Exhibitions to Ursula Harrison and Françoise Simon; Music Scholarship to Victoria Howard (all of Walthamstow Hall). The Guest of Honour at Prize Giving on Saturday, July 3, will be Baroness Cumberlege, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health in the House of Lords.

Walthamstow Hall is a registered charity which exists to provide education for girls.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacobo Sansovino, sculptor, Florence, 1486; Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-56, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, 1489; Christoph Gluck, composer, Bavaria, 1714; Friedrich Klopstock, poet, Quedlinburg, Germany, 1724; Sir Charles Tupper, Prime Minister of Canada 1896, Amherst, Nova Scotia, 1821; Sir William Henry Bragg, physicist, Nobel laureate 1915, Wigton, Cumberland, 1862; Hermann Hesse, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1946, Calw, Germany, 1877.

DEATHS: Nostradamus (Michel de Notredame), astrologer, Salon, France, 1566; Jean-Jacques Rousseau, philosopher, Ermenonville, France, 1778; Samuel Hahnemann, originator of homeopathy, Paris, 1843; Sir Robert Peel, Prime Minister 1834-35 and 1841-46, London, 1850; Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, actor-manager, London, 1917; Emile Coué, psychotherapist, Nancy, France, 1926; Amelia Earhart, aviator, lost over the Pacific, 1937; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Nobel laureate 1954, committed suicide, Ketchum, Ohio, 1961; Betty Grable, film actress, Santa Monica, California, 1973; Vladimir Nabokov, novelist, Montreux, 1977.

James Abram Garfield, 20th American President, inaugurated March 4, 1881, was shot and died at Elberon, New Jersey, September 19, 1881.

Memorial service

Sir Alex Page
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Alex Page was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated and the Rev Bryan Paradise led the prayers. Mr Desmond Page, son, read the lesson.

Mr Jeremy Page, son, Footprints and Miss Victoria Winkworth, granddaughter, read from the works of Siegfried Sassoon. Mr Tony Williams gave an address.

Dinners

Anglo Jordanian Society
The Duke and Duchess of Kent and Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath of Jordan, Patrons of the Anglo Jordanian Society, were the guests of honour at a dinner held last night at the Berkeley hotel. Sir Greville Spratt, chairman, and Lady Spratt received the guests.

Company of Chartered Accountants
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual ladies' dinner of the Company of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr F.E. Worsley, Master, presided, assisted by Mrs B.M. Culverhouse, Senior Warden, and Mr F.B. Harrison, Junior Warden. The Lord Mayor, Mrs Culverhouse and Mrs Margaret Downes also spoke.

British Academy
Sir Anthony Kenny, President of the British Academy, received the guests at the annual dinner held last night at Middle Temple Hall after the annual meeting. The principal guest and speaker was Sir Thomas Bingham.

ILEX Tutorial Services
ILEX Tutorial Services Ltd, (ITS), the training arm of The Institute of Legal Executives, gave a dinner last night at the Institute of Directors Club, Pall Mall, where the subject of the anticipated changes in the provision of legal education was discussed. Mr Cyril Broom, Managing Director, ITS, welcomed principal guests who included:

The Lord Griffiths, Mr Alistair Shaw, The Lord Morris, Mr Justice Phillips, Mr John Rowe, QC, Mr John Hayes, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, Mr Robert Maclennan, MP, Mr William Cash, MP, Mr Richard Holbrook, Mr Keith Ashurst, Mr Michael Hill, Professor Paul Dobson and Council Members and Officers of The Institute of Legal Executives and ITS.

Legal appointment

George Ashby Needham to be joint district judge for the districts of the Oldham, Stockport and Tameside County Courts, and in the District Registry of the High Court at Oldham and Stockport.

Forthcoming marriages

Señor C. Aldama-Sala
and Miss A.N. Dunkerly
The engagement is announced between Carlos, son of Señor and Señora Aldama, of Madrid, and Alexia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Dunkerly, of London.

Mr D.L. Edwards
and Miss C.M. Evans
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Edwards, of Huxley, Cheshire, and Caroline, daughter of District Judge Godfrey and Mrs Elizabeth Evans, of Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

Captain A.W.A. Forbes
and Miss F.A.M. Readman
The engagement is announced between Captain Angus W.A. Forbes, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, son of the Rev J.W.A. and Mrs Forbes, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.O. Readman.

Mr J.S.J. Groves
and Miss L.H.F. Norrington
The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Simon Groves, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Norrington, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.A. Pioli
and Miss R.K. Jennings
The engagement is announced between Mark Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Alexander Pioli, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Rosemary Kathleen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Jennings, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire.

Dr G.J.E. Rash
and Dr N.K. Allanson
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs John Rash, of Westcott, Surrey, and Niki, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Allanson, of Old Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.D. Wilks
and Mrs S.E.C. Gordon
The engagement is announced between John Wilks, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Sally Crawford Gordon, of Fulham, London. The marriage will take place in London in the autumn.

Mr P.F. Young
and Miss N.B. Armitage
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Neil Young, of Pembury, Kent, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Armitage, of Tarporley, Cheshire.

Mr M.R.J. Marriott
and Miss J.M. Harper
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Marriott, of Beeches Farm, Theddingworth, Leicestershire, and Josephine, second daughter of Dr and Mrs John Harper, of The White House, Guilsborough, Northamptonshire.

Mr G.C. Savage
and Miss M.T. Mathias
The engagement is announced between George Campbell, son of Major and Mrs John Savage, of Fonthill Gifford, and Tessa, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Quentin Mathias, of Painswick.

Mr H. Watson Brown
and Ms C.M. Judd
The engagement is announced between Hugo, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Watson Brown, of Lympne, Kent, and Katy, only daughter of Mr John Judd, of Pinetown, Natal, and Dr Patricia Judd, of East Sheen, London.

Marriages

Mr A. Apperley
and Mrs N. Brusa
The marriage took place in London on Monday, June 21, 1993, between Mr A. Apperley, OBE, and Mrs Norma Brusa.

Mr C.G. Henderson
and Miss L.A. Chubb
The marriage took place in London on Thursday, July 1, at Chelsea Town Hall, between Carl Henderson and Lara Chubb. The reception was held at The Dorchester.

Mr S.E. Roberts
and Miss S.A. Jarrett
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 26, at All Saints' Church, Great Horkesley, between Mr Stewart Roberts and Miss Sarah Jarrett. The Rev Christopher Woods officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Thomas Day, Thomas Mountain, Stephen and Michael Roberts, Scarlett Strutt and Alexandra Tapley. Mr Simon Chambers was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

The British Academy

The British Academy held its ninety-first annual general meeting yesterday. Sir Anthony Kenny, the outgoing president, was in the chair. His successor is Sir Keith Thomas.

The academy's officers, elected until July 1995, are Sir Keith Thomas, president; Dr E.A. Wrigley, treasurer; Prof J.B. Trapp, foreign secretary; Prof D.E. Luscombe, publications secretary; Prof T.J. Smiley, secretary for postgraduate studies.

The following 31 scholars were elected Fellows of the British Academy:

Prof A.J. Ashworth (King's College, Univ of London), law; Dr P. Beal (Assistant Director (Manuscripts), Sotheby's), English bibliography; Dr M. Bent (Univ of Oxford), musicology; Prof J.A. Bossy (Univ of York), history; Prof M.M. Bowie (Univ of Oxford), French; Dr R. Cooper (Univ of Edinburgh), linguistics; Dr E.J. Craig (Univ of Cambridge), philosophy; Prof C.I.E. Donaldson (Univ of Edinburgh), English; Prof R.J. Evans (Birkbeck College, Univ of London), German history; Dr P.D.A. Garnsey (Univ of Cambridge), ancient history; Prof R. Gray (Univ of Essex), American literature; Prof A.G. Guest (King's College, Univ of London), law; Dr J.F. Harris (Univ of Oxford), history; Mr J.D. Hawkins (SOAS, Univ of London), oriental studies; Prof G.A. Hosking (SSEES, Univ of London), Russian history; Prof R.M. Jones (Univ of Wales), Welsh; Prof A. Karmiloff-Smith (MRC Cognitive Development Unit), developmental psychology; Prof P. Langford (Univ of Oxford), history; Prof D.M. MacDowell (Univ of Glasgow), classics; Prof M.M. McGowan (Univ of Sussex), French; Prof A.F. McPherson (Univ of Edinburgh), sociology; Prof S.J. Nickell (Univ of Oxford), economics; Dr O. O'Neill (Univ of Cambridge), political philosophy; Dr M.B. Parkes (Univ of Oxford), English; Prof D.J. Parkin (SOAS, Univ of London), anthropology; Mr J.N. Postgate (Univ of Cambridge), archaeology; Miss S.M.G. Reynolds (Univ of Oxford), history; Prof A.S. Skinner (Univ of Glasgow), economic history; Prof N. Stern (LSE, Univ of London), economics; Prof R. Strohm (King's College, Univ of London), musicology; Prof H.G.M. Williamson (Univ of Oxford), theology.

The following five scholars were elected Senior Fellows of the British Academy:

Prof R.M. Hatton (formerly LSE, Univ of London), history; Prof I.G. Kidd (formerly Univ of St Andrews), classics; Prof A.C. Lloyd (formerly Univ of Liverpool), philosophy; Prof R.A. Oliver (formerly SOAS, Univ of London), history; Mr. G. Reynolds (formerly Victoria and Albert Museum), history of art.

The following 15 scholars were elected Corresponding Fellows of the British Academy:

Prof M.B. Emeneau (USA), linguistics; Prof O. Hufton (Italy), history; Prof Dr. R. Kannicht (Germany), classics; Dr. I.D. Levin (Russia), literature; Prof W.R. Louis (USA), history; Dr Ma Chengyuan (China), archaeology; Prof H. Mommsen (Germany), history; Prof S.A. Moralejo (Spain), history of art; Prof Dr W.U. Pannenberg (Germany), theology; Dr K.F. Pantzer (USA), bibliography; Mr J. Richardson (USA), history of art; Prof R.A. Stein (France), oriental studies; Prof J.E. Stiglitz (USA), economics; Prof B. Stroud (USA), philosophy; Prof Dr H. Wysling (Switzerland), literature.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead was elected an Honorary Fellow of the British Academy.

The following Medals and Prizes were awarded:

Burkitt Medal for Biblical Studies: Prof O. Kaiser; Derek Allen Prize in Numismatics: Prof J. Lafaurie; Gollancz Prize: Dr P. Sims-Williams; Graham Clark Medal: Prof S. Piggott, FBA; Kenyon Medal: Sir Kenneth Dover, FBA; Rosemary Crawshay Prizes: (i) Ms B. Rosenbaum for Index of Literary Manuscripts, Volume IV, part 2: Hardy to Lamb; and (ii) Dr Margaret Reynolds for her edition of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Aurora Leigh; Serena Medal: Prof G.A. Holmes, FBA.

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BIRTHS

ANDREWS - On 29th June at The Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, to Sally (née Post) and Herbert, a son, William Rupert, a brother for Matthew.

CHARALAMBOUS - On June 30th at 14.08 at the Wellington Hospital, to Bambos and Nina, a daughter, Ioanna 7lbs 8oz, a sister for Melis.

CLAMPETT - On June 28th in Melbourne, Australia, to Kate (née Miller) and John, a daughter, Emma.

de la RUE - Born 7th June in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sam Maxwell, a son for Cindy (née Wetherall) and Colin.

DINGWALL - On June 24th, to Susie (formerly Henderson née Tudway Quilter) and Charles, a son.

HILL - On June 4th, to Rebecca and John, a daughter, Charlotte Louise.

JOHNSON - On 26th June 1993, to Susan Patricia (née Turner) and Dean Lance, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Louise.

KING - On 21st June 1993, to Linda (née McKie) and Martin, a son, Alexander William David.

LONGLEY-COOK - On June 24th to Isobel (née Thomson) and Bill, a daughter, Dorothy Anne, a sister for Amy.

SLEMECK - On June 5th, to Emma (née Hooper) and Mark, a daughter, Sophie.

TREVOR-JONES - On June 30th, to Roly (née Law) and Hugh, a daughter, Emma Josephine, a sister for Harry, Guy and Edward.

MARRIAGES

JOHNSTON:PENALIGGON - On 30th June 1993 quietly at St Mary's North Church, Berkhamsted. Francis to Felicity.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On June 29th, David Harold aged 68 years, loving husband of Barbara Alexander, of Hest Bank, Lancaster, dear father of Martin, Graham and David. All enquiries to Alex Willis Funeral Home, tel: (0524) 851596.

ASQUITH - On June 30th 1993, Joyce (née Hannington) Market Overton, formerly of Upminster and Feering, Essex, widow of Philip, who died 23rd November 1992, mother of Jill, John and Dorothy and grandmother of seven. Funeral at Grantham Crematorium 12 noon 7th July. Family flowers only.

CARROLL-LEAHY - On June 30th 1993 at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, John Harold Joseph Ernest (Pat) M.C. Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Artillery Retired aged 95 years, much loved husband of Olive and stepfather of Michael Craig-Cooper. Funeral Service at St Gregory the Great, Alresford, on Tuesday July 6th at 3 pm followed by burial at St Andrew's, Tichborne. Family flowers only to Jno. Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester. Donations, if desired, to St Gregory the Great, Orange Road, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9HD.

CONCHAR - On 30th June, Morwenna, widow of James and daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs T.H. Bailey. Funeral Service at North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple, on Tuesday 6th July at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund to Funeral Director Mr K. Sparks, 9 Kings Hill, Bude, Cornwall.

COWGILL - Margaret (née Ogle) on 29th June 1993 suddenly at home. Cremation in Salisbury at 11.15 am on Monday 5th July. Followed by a service of interment at Hindon Parish Church at 3.30 pm. Family flowers and donations to Hindon Youthclub and the Parish Church c/o Mr I Wallace, Steeple Close, High Street, Hindon, Salisbury, Wilts. SP3 6DJ. There will be a Thanksgiving Service on July 31st at 2.30 pm in Hindon.

FOGGO - On 1st July, Peter, aged 63 years, much loved husband of Lilian and beloved father of Gavin and Daniel. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 8th July at 12 noon. Flowers or donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, Westminster, London SW1P 1JU. A Memorial Service is to be arranged.

HARRIS - On 30th June 1993, on the eve of her 85th birthday, Josephine (née Byford), dearly loved wife of Harold Harris for 52 years, after many years of illness. As she left her body for medical purposes there will be no funeral, but she would have liked relatives and friends who wish to send flowers to keep them at their home in her memory while they last.

HOGAN - On Monday June 28th 1993 suddenly at home Air Vice Marshal H.A.V. Hogan C.B., D.F.C. Dearly loved husband of Venetia. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Saturday July 10th at St Michael's Church, Knighton-on-Teme.

INKSTER - On June 30th after a long brave fight against cancer, Brenda. Dearly loved sister of Marjorie. Cremation private. Family flowers only please. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

JAMESON - On 29th June 1993, peacefully at Hare Lodge Residential Home, Hailsham, Maud Mary (Judy) aged 88 years of Cross-in-Hand. Widow of William Jameson and a much loved mother. Service will take place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday 8th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society welcome, c/o Heathfield Funeral Service, Hailsham Road, Heathfield, E. Sx. (0435) 862648.

MILLER - Dorothy Margaret, on 29th June 1993 at Solihull, aged 86 years. Funeral Wednesday 7th July at 12 noon at St Alphege Church, Solihull, followed by cremation at 1 pm at Robin Hood Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, Copeman House, St Mary's Court, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TD.

RIDGWAY - On June 30th under the tender care of The Thames Valley Hospice, Helene Genevieve aged 81 years. Will be sadly missed by her children Alan, Margaret and Jacky and her grandchildren Graham, Paul, Marianne, Francoise, Claire, Ross and Robert. Funeral Service at St Augustines Roman Catholic Church, Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, on Monday July 5th at 2.45 pm.

TENNYSON - Eric on June 30th aged 66, suddenly at Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford. Dearly loved husband of Helen, father of Roland and Diana, grandfather of Davina and Camilla. Funeral Service at St John's, Merrow, Guildford, on July 7th 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium. Flowers to Ayling Funeral Services, Guildford.

WILKINSON - Leonora Hegan (Noreen) peacefully at South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge, on June 30th. Dearest wife of Geoff, loving mother of Michael, David and Nigel, and proud nana to Tom, Eleanor, Kate, Anna, Claire, Fiona, Robert, Jonathan and Simon. Funeral Service at Thurlestone Church on Thursday 8th July at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at Torquay at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if so desired to South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge, c/o John D Andrews and Son, 119 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, South Devon TQ7 1AL.

WOODS - Suddenly on June 29th at 26 Orchard Drive, Durham, John, aged 67 years. Emer. Professor of Applied Physics, Durham University. Dearly beloved husband of Eileen. Cortège leaving daughter's residence, Weardale House, 58 Front Street, Sherburn Village, Monday, 11.50 am. Friends, please meet at St Giles Church, Giles Gate, for service at 12 noon followed by interment at South Road Cemetery, Durham.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SPAGHT - Monroe. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock today, Friday 2nd July 1993, at Eureka Pierce Mortuary Chapel, 707 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501, California.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

STEWART - A Memorial Service for the late Mrs (Margaret) Alison Stewart, MBE, widow of the Bishop Weston Henry Stewart, will be held at noon on Saturday 31st July in the Church of St Nicholas at Cottesmore.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - South Lakeland District Council Fund in Commemoration of the Wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UQ, or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference PC-326118 A/1 CD(Ldn1). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL REGINALD ATKINSON

Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald Gordon Atkinson, OBE, MC and Bar, a former commanding officer of the Durham Light Infantry (DLI), died on June 26 aged 78. He was born on August 27, 1914.

REGGIE Atkinson became a legend in his lifetime, so oblivious was he to danger on the battlefield. In France, as the Germans counter-attacked following D-Day, a brother officer ventured out to contact him on the front line where Atkinson was commanding a company of the 6th battalion. So intense was the artillery bombardment and so savage the machinegun exchanges that the officer crawled the entire way on his stomach.

He found Atkinson sitting in the open in a deckchair, reading *The Times*. "Hullo *Robert*" *he said*, casually glancing up from the sports page. "What on earth are you doing?"

Atkinkson had won his first Military Cross in Sicily in 1943, at a deep and dangerous river crossing just north of the Primosole bridge, which was to become a Durham Light Infantry battle honour. Under cover of darkness, Atkinson's company was ordered to clear a portion of the vineyard on the far side of the river, cross a sunken lane and take up position on the open ground beyond, covering the main road to Catania, the major port on Sicily's Ionian coast.

The company came under intense automatic fire from the Italians and Germans, who were dug in along the sunken lane; at one point it was hemmed in on all sides as enemy reinforcements were rushed in. But despite heavy casualties, including nearly one full platoon and the company sergeant-major, Atkinson and the remnants of his company kept up a continuous fire for three-and-a-half hours and fought their way through, inflicting huge losses *on the enemy*.

The same courage and leadership won him his second MC in Normandy. On June 10, 1944, at Condé-sur-Seulles his company was engaged in repulsing a counter-attack by German tanks and infantry. Atkinson who kept moving among his men, crawled up to *the most forward* platoon, while under machine gun fire from four tanks, and directed artillery on to the enemy infantry — breaking up the attack. The citation said that: "Major Atkinson's complete disregard for his personal safety and his leadership were an inspiration to all ranks of his company, and it was largely due to his efforts and fine example that a dangerous situation was averted."

Not only was he personally brave but his military skills were instinctive. In Korea during 1952-3, he was appointed OBE (military) and earned yet more lavish praise from his superiors. After paying tribute once more to his fearlessness and steadiness under fire, the citation pointed to his company's low casualties despite being shelled at least as intensely as the rest of the battalion. This was due it said, to his industrious "digging-in" and the high standards of battlefield discipline he imposed. He personally provided the drive and inspiration. Many colleagues thought, however, that Atkinson should have been rewarded with the DSO at some point in his career.

He had wanted to be a soldier almost from the day he was born in the city of Durham, the son of a much decorated lieutenant-colonel in the Loyal (North Lancashire) Regiment. He went to Stowe and then the Royal Military College Sandhurst, where he soon showed himself a fine athlete, excelling at almost every sport on offer. He held the long jump record at Stowe for many years and and also won a "blue" for it at Sandhurst.

Commissioned into the Durham Light Infantry in 1934, he was an officer whose career reads like a lesson *in British military history. He* served in India, the Sudan and in China before the second world war. During the war he fought in the western desert before joining the allied invasion of Sicily and later of northwest Europe.

After the Korean war he was posted to the regimental depot before taking over command of the 1st Battalion DLI between 1955 and 1958, taking it to Suez and to Aden. He was then made deputy president of the Regular Commissions Board and finally garrison commander at Catterick before retiring in 1964.

In retirement Atkinson busied *himself with local causes, notably his* church and the Conservative Association. He was also known as a reliable "turner-upper". So loyally did he attend regimental reunions that he once remarked none could really take place unless he was there.

He was a great talker and loved the camaraderie of the mess. When carrying out inspections at annual parades of Old Comrades, he unfailingly managed to hold up the proceedings by chatting to every Old Comrade in the ranks.

The determination he had once shown on the battlefield also remained with him to the end. Once convinced of the justice of his case, he would fight for it until victory was assured and exhausted opponents finally gave way.



Reggie Atkinson is survived by his wife Rosemary whom he met and married in Melbourne in 1945 when he was attending the Australian staff college.

GUSTAVE LUSSI

Gustave Lussi, a figure-skating coach who trained 16 world champions and seven Olympic gold medallists, died in his sleep at his home in Lake Placid, New York, on June 24, aged 95. He was born in Switzerland in 1898.



SHEER athleticism was the trade-mark of Gustave Lussi's skaters. It was something of a mystery how he managed to get them to spin so fast without becoming nauseous.

So much so, in fact, that America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration once sent a team to study his methods, in the hope of applying *them to astronauts in the* space programme.

A ski-jumper in his youth, Lussi emigrated to the United States in 1915 and began his working career as a dish-washer in Manhattan's St Regis hotel. Twenty years later, having become an American citizen, he went back to the St Regis to produce and direct its ice show — a field of entertainment in which he was to be internationally famous.

But it was his coaching abilities that made Lussi unique. Among his pupils was England's John Curry, who won the gold medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, and Dick Button, who became the first American male to win a gold medal in figure skating in 1948, and repeated the feat in 1952. "He taught me from the first day I *learnt to skate on my 13th* birthday, until I stopped skating professionally at the age of 22." Button said on learning of Lussi's death. "He was more like a teacher than a coach. I still saw him often. He was like a father to me."

Lussi's other successes included Barbara Ann Scott of Canada, who won the women's individual gold medal in 1948, David Jenkins, Dorothy Hamill and Scott Hamilton.

Despite his age he continued coaching until a few days before his death, and his most recent student to win an Olympic medal was Paul Wylie who took home a silver from the 1992 Winter Games.

Gustave Lussi is survived by his wife Thelma, whom he married in 1932, and by their two sons.

'SPANKY' McFARLAND



George "Spanky" McFarland, chubby child star of *the "Our Gang" comedy film series, in 1936*

George "Spanky" Robert Phillips McFarland, child actor, died of cardiac arrest on June 30 aged 64. He was born in Dallas, Texas, on October 2, 1928.

CHUBBY little "Spanky" McFarland was the most famous of all the children in the "Our Gang" comedies of the 1930s, but somehow he managed to elude the curse of the child star that plagued so many of his contemporaries. Partly this was because Hollywood was the only world he ever knew. He later claimed that he was five years old before it dawned on him that some children were not actors.

In true Hollywood tradition, his mother had landed him his first role at the age of three, after a stint modelling baby clothes in Dallas. Hal Roach, the producer of "Our Gang", spotted McFarland's potential in a Wonder Bread advertisement and snapped him up in 1931. He appeared in his first "Our Gang" half-hour comedy short, *Free Eats*, in 1932. Roach liked to christen all his discoveries with new nicknames, but in McFarland's case, he was still known as "Spanky" when he died.

Hal Roach was responsible not only for the "Our Gang" films (which actually ran from 1922-44 but reached their peak in the 1930s) but also for some of MGMs most successful comedies — Laurel and Hardy, Charley Chase and Patsy Kelly. He took a personal interest in his discoveries and as McFarland's fame grew, encouraged him to try for other productions on the lot. (When Roach died last November, McFarland was devastated. "Even at my age, I looked at him like a father figure).

In 1935 he was hired to play the Jackie Cooper role (Cooper had recently been through an unexpected growing spurt) "as a child" in *O'Shaughnessy's Boy*. He also starred in the minor musical *Here Comes the Band*. A year later he starred in *General Spanky*, incongruously teamed with the elegant Phillips Holmes in a Civil War melodrama.

But it was as the fat boy Joe Cobb, dressed in the ubiqitous jodhpurs and Scottish tam, that McFarland really made his name. The "Our Gang" films — featuring the escapades of Spanky, Buckwheat, Stymie, Proggy, Butch, Alfalfa and Petey the dog — were syndicated out to television stations after their run in the cinemas and had massive audiences.

All was not plain sailing, however, for the child actors: the studio had a policy of replacing them regularly in order to keep the gang at the right age. In this ruthless atmosphere, McFarland's tenure of a part for over ten years was the sign of his enormous appeal for the public. Altogether he made 95 half-hour comedy shorts over 11 years and 14 feature-length films, including his last role as a juvenile in the 1944 film *The Woman in the Window* with Edward G. Robinson.

Before his 16th birthday McFarland realised that the best was over, and turned his back on Hollywood. Having no qualifications or education behind him, he briefly joined the RAF and notched up a failed marriage (which produced a son), before falling into a series of uninspiring jobs, including one as a short-order cook.

When he was 28 he married again — Doris from Pawnee, Oklahoma — and his luck began to change. Settling first in Philadelphia and later back *in Dallas, he began a long* career with Philco-Ford as a sales-training supervisor. He also owned a barbecue restaurant in Oklahoma City.

The last thing he ever expected was to return to showbusiness. Short, silver-haired and as rotund as ever, he was hoping to pass his remaining years in happy oblivion on the local golf courses. But through reunions with other "Our Gang" stars (now generally known as the "Little Rascals") and the recent re-runs of the series on television, he was persuaded to return to the fold with a one-man show, "An Evening With Spanky". "People are always surprised at the inside stories" said McFarland "like that there were two Petes [the dog], and that they each had a ring around a different eye."

When a new set of video tapes of the comedy series were released, he helped with the publicity. He was also the TV-radio-print spokesman for the Justin Boot Company of Texas and spent time on the charity circuit. He came be*fore the camera three times* more: in a guest appearance for the 1975 film *Moonrunners*, in *The Aurora Encounter* (1986) in which he played a Texas governor, and in an episode of *Cheers*.

Fan mail continued to role in, though McFarland was refreshingly sceptical about what he called this "ego-feeding thing". He was more worried about the hoards of bogus "Spankies" playing at clubs and fairs up and down the country. "I do everything I can to locate them and have *them prosecuted*".

He is survived by his wife and three children.

HEATHER TANNER

Heather Tanner, author and wife of the etcher and educationist Robin Tanner, died on June 23 aged 89. She was born on July 14, 1903.

HEATHER and Robin Tanner were devotees of the Arts and Crafts movement and lifelong socialists in the William Morris tradition. While Robin, who died in 1988, has recently been enjoying the attention of the critics as an etcher, it was his wife Heather who inspired him to reach his potential. She was also an author who wrote the texts for their close publishing collaborations on the countryside. But *despite the greater fame of her* husband, it is almost impossible to separate the creative output of the two.

Tanner said of his "etched world" that it was "an ideal world — a world of pastoral beauty that could be ours if we did but desire it passionately enough." In their life together in Wiltshire, where they were born and went to school, the Tanners tried to capture something of this idea of Arcadian bliss, and succeeded, against the odds, for almost eighty years.

Sixty of these were spent in a small Voysey-like house, Old Chapel Field at Kington Langley, which they had designed specially for them. There the Cotswold traditions were rigorously upheld, strictly in the Morris tradition, using only arts and crafts furniture: every kitchen tile, window pane and piece of cloth was chosen for its beauty and craftsmanship. The dense wild garden, well-stocked with plants and shrubs (which Robin acquired in exchange for his drawings for a seedman's catalogue) *eventually all but took over the* place.

In this peaceful atmosphere Heather and Robin worked as a team on the dirty business of making prints. Indeed, Robin titled his autobiography *Double Harness*. Through Robin's etchings they created an idyllic picture of rustic England that was already beginning to fade. Several books followed: *Wiltshire Village* (1939), on quaint village customs; *Woodland Plants* (1981), which showed Heather's botanical expertise; *A Country Alphabet* (1984); *and A Country Book of Days* (1986).

Another joint venture was the setting up of a Crafts Study Centre at Bath, an archive and showcase for the best of British craftsmanship this century.

Heather was nine months older than her husband. They first met when she was 14 as fellow pupils of the Chippenham Grammar School. Heather read Anglo-Saxon at King's College, London, where she took a first in 1921, while Robin went to Goldsmith's College in London to study art. In 1931 they married, Heather wearing a hand-dyed and home-spun dress designed by her husband. Robin went on to make his name as a teacher, schools' inspector and advo*cate of progressive art* education. Heather examined in English and later taught at Bath College of Art, Corsham.

Although the Tanners had no children of their own, they did come by an adopted son in the most unpromising circumstances. In 1939 when conflict seemed inevitable in Europe, they extricated a young Jewish boy, Dietrich Hanff, from Hitler's Germany. Hanff spent the rest of his life with them.

Always slim and elegant, Heather was once wickedly caricatured coming through Robin's etching press looking exactly as she did before her mangling. Nevertheless, this frail woman had a feisty spirit. She and Robin were committed pacifists, practising Quakers, and tirelessly supportive of Greenpeace and CND. Proceeds from the print room were often diverted to these pet causes, and Heather was over 80 when she took part in protests at Greenham *Common*.

Only twenty years ago Robin Tanner considered himself utterly outmoded. But his stiff and countrified prints have about them the honesty of the old English tradition, and a true feeling for the rural scene.

Robin Tanner died in 1988. Dietrich died last year.



In double harness: Heather and Robin Tanner

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There is another feature of our new bridge which has already caused some controversy, and which perhaps only needs to be widely known in order to give rise to a very pretty quarrel. The Tower-bridge is one of the structural triumphs of this age of steel. From top to bottom the real fabric is metal, and the seemingly massive masonry has been added, we are told, for purely ornamental purposes. Such a confession is in itself sufficient to condemn the work and its authors in the judgment of the more austere disciples of a well-known aesthetic school. To veneer steel with granite must seem to them a wanton outrage against the first canons of their creed. The Tower-bridge, it is to be feared, will, in their eyes, be one more black crime in the long list which they have drawn up against modern engineers . . .

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NEWS

Mates accuses MI6 in Nadir letters

■ Allegations that MI6 had collaborated with American and Cypriot intelligence services to bring down Asil Nadir were made by Michael Mates in his battle on behalf of the fugitive.

The claim of a conspiracy to cause the collapse of the northern Cyprus economy featured prominently in the private correspondence between the former Northern Ireland minister and two Attorneys-general, published under parliamentary privilege ..... Pages 1, 2, 16, 17

Major's poll rating is lowest ever

■ Less than a half of Tory supporters are satisfied with John Major's performance as prime minister and under a third are content with the way the government is running the country. He is now the least popular prime minister in polling history ..... Pages 1, 6

Trade talks threat

John Major and other leaders are struggling to prevent next week's Group of Seven summit meeting in Tokyo collapsing because of another breakdown in the seven-year attempt to reach a settlement on world trade ..... Page 1

UN convoy tolls

United Nations relief workers reacted with fury after Bosnian Serbs and Croats began charging huge road tolls for aid convoys. The republic's Croats were reported to be seeking up to $20 million (£13.3 million) for "a very large convoy" ..... Page 1

Gay killer clue

Scotland Yard have issued a photograph of the man wanted in connection with their investigation into the killing of five homosexuals in London ..... Page 3

ITV defiant

ITV chiefs defied John Major by insisting on their right to move ITN's *News At Ten* to an earlier time. Greg Dyke, chairman of the ITV Association, told the Commons heritage committee that he was convinced that there was a case for shaking up news programming ..... Page 3

City checkpoints

Police rejected claims that they were handing a propaganda victory to the IRA by blocking off 18 roads into the City of London and setting up eight checkpoints. They claim the scheme would reduce the risk of another attack ..... Page 4

Health enigma

Too many Britons are overweight, smoke, take no exercise, and suffer from high blood pressure and high cholesterol levels. But Professor Kenneth Calman, the chief medical officer, says that despite these figures, heart disease rates are falling ..... Page 5

Johannesburg hopes

While two-thirds of the black workforce stayed at home to protest at last Friday's right-wing invasion of the constitutional negotiating forum, the negotiators were jubilant at achieving the first agreement to bridge what have appeared irreconcilable positions ..... Page 12

Patten warns China

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, said after meeting John Major that Britain would take unilateral decisions about the colony's future if China continues to argue about democratic reforms ..... Page 13

Italian sell-off

The Italian prime minister has pledged to sell seven big state firms to the private sector within a month. He also intensified pressure on trade unions and employers to reach an agreement on pay before next Saturday ..... Page 8

German decision

Tamil families who had just from Sri Lanka waited at Frankfurt airport to hear a decision on their refugee status — the first victims of Germany's stricter asylum rules ..... Page 8

Noddymania nets £12m for the BBC

Noddy may be banned from libraries and ignored by the government advisers' recommended reading list for schoolchildren but he now occupies a special place in the affections of the BBC's sales arm. The Enid Blyton character (along with Big Ears and Mr Plod) helped to double the profits of BBC Enterprises to nearly £12 million ..... Page 1

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Merv outswerved: Australian bowler Merv Hughes having trouble making a catch on the opening day of the third Test at Trent Bridge yesterday. Nasser Hussain, recalled after a three-year absence, guided England to 276 for 6 at close of play. Page 40

BUSINESS

German rate cut: The Bundesbank cut its key discount rate yesterday, drawing some of the sting out of growing criticism about its policies and prompting interest rates across Europe to fall ..... Page 21

Tunnel move: The British and French central banks are poised to intervene directly in the quarrel between Eurotunnel and TML, the contractors' consortium building the Channel Tunnel ..... Page 21

Markets: The German mark weakened in response to the Bundesbank's cut. The pound closed at DM2.5563, up .47 pfennigs, and was .72 cents higher at $1.5077. The FT-SE closing down 11.2 at 2,888.8 ..... Page 24

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Stepping up the pace

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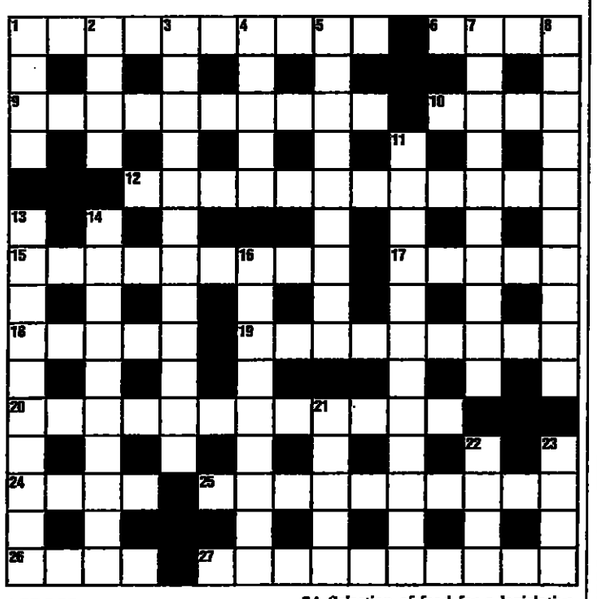
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MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Majorca	28	82	r
Alicatri	29	84	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	29	84	s
Algiers	29	84	f	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Miami*	33	91	s
Athens	31	88	s	Milan	27	81	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Montreal*	22	72	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	20	68	c
Barcelna	24	75	c	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	27	81	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Belgrade	23	73	s	Naples	28	82	f
Berlin	19	66	s	N Delhi	35	95	f
Biarritz	18	64	r	N York*	27	81	c
Borde'x	19	66	f	Nice	24	75	f
Brussels	26	79	s	Oslo	21	70	s
Budapst	22	72	f	Paris	25	77	f
B Aires*	18	64	c	Peking	31	88	s
Cairo	36	97	s	Perth	16	61	f
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Prague	20	68	s
Chicago*	19	66	c	Reykjavik	8	46	c
Ch'church	8	46	c	Rhodes	28	79	s
Cologne	28	82	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phegn	23	73	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	17	63	s	Salzburg	24	75	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	S F'risco*	22	72	s
Faro	23	73	s	Santiago*	10	50	c
Florence	29	84	f	S Paulo*	24	75	s
Frankfurt	27	81	s	Seoul	25	77	c
Funchal	20	68	c	Sing'por	29	84	r
Geneva	25	77	f	Stkholm	23	73	f
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Helsinki	17	63	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Tangier	22	72	f
Innsbrck	25	77	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	28	82	s	Tenerife	23	73	c
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	20	68	c
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Toronto*	16	64	c
Karachi	35	95	f	Tunis	32	90	s
L Palmas	23	73	c	Valencia	24	75	f
Le Touet	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	18	64	f
Lisbon	22	72	s	Venice	25	77	f
Locarno	25	77	f	Vienna	20	68	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Warsaw	21	70	f
Luxembg	27	81	s	Wash'ton*	31	88	f
Luxor	39	102	s	Wel'ton	10	50	r
Madrid	23	73	f	Zurich	24	75	s

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.5	0.06	13	55	rain
Anglesey	7.2	-	17	63	sunny
Belfast	4.8	-	17	63	sunny
Bognor Regis	14.6	-	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	10.5	-	27	81	sunny
Bristol	11.1	-	26	79	sunny
Buxton	10.6	-	23	73	bright
Cardiff	13.6	-	24	75	sunny
Clacton	12.0	-	21	70	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.8	-	18	64	bright
Cromer	10.9	-	19	66	bright
Eastbourne	14.2	-	22	72	sunny
Edinburgh	-	0.03	15	59	dull
Exmouth	10.6	-	25	77	sunny
Folkestone	14.7	-	24	75	sunny
Glasgow	0.3	-	18	64	drizzle
Guernsey	9.8	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	14.7	-	26	79	sunny
Isle of Man	11.0	-	18	64	sunny
Jersey	8.3	-	23	73	bright
Leeds	11.0	-	27	81	sunny
Lerwick	-	0.54	12	54	rain
Liverpool	13.3	-	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Margate	13.6	-	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	13.5	-	22	72	sunny
Newcastle	12.7	-	21	70	sunny
Nottingham	13.2	-	24	75	sunny
Plymouth	4.9	-	25	77	bright
Sandown	10.0	-	25	77	cloudy
Scarborough	14.1	-	21	70	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.9	-	18	64	dull
Southend	10.5	-	24	75	sunny
Southsea	11.7	-	27	81	sunny
Stornoway	2.8	0.15	15	59	bright
Swanage	8.4	-	24	75	bright
Teignmouth	10.3	-	26	73	bright
Tiree	9.2	0.16	15	59	sunny
Torquay	10.8	-	24	75	sunny
Weymouth	9.2	-	22	72	sunny
Worthing	13.8	-	27	81	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

London 9.51 pm to 4.18 am
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.28 am
Edinburgh 10.31 pm to 4.02 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.15 am
Penzance 10.05 pm to 4.47 am

Sun rises: 4.48 am — Sun sets: 9.21 pm
Moon rises 8.05 pm — Moon sets 3.18 am
Full moon tomorrow

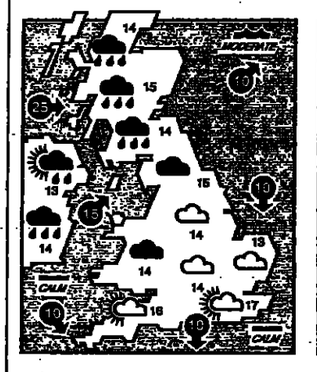
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	17	63	s
B'mgham	18	61	c	Inverness	16	61	f
Blackpool	16	61	s	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	19	66	s	London	20	68	s
Cardiff	21	70	s	M'chester	18	64	f
Edinburgh	17	63	s	Newcastle	19	66	f
Glasgow	16	61	c	R'nideway	15	59	s

Scotland low to moderate; N Ireland low to moderate; Wales very high; South West very high; North moderate to high;East Anglia high; Midlands moderate to high; South East London moderate.

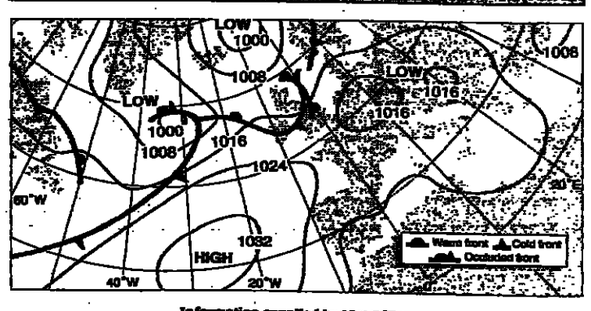
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.9hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (43F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.6hr.



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London Bridge	12.58	6.5	1.29	6.6	Liverpool	10.48	8.6	11.09	8.9
Aberdeen	12.30	3.9	1.03	3.9	Lowestoft	8.48	2.3	9.22	2.3
Avonmouth	6.34	11.7	7.03	12.1	Margate	11.31	4.3		
Bellast	10.31	3.3	10.57	3.4	Milford Haven	5.35	6.2	6.02	6.5
Cardiff	6.19	10.9	6.48	11.2	Newquay	4.28	6.2	4.54	6.5
Devonport	4.02	4.8	4.30	5.1	Oban	4.27	3.4	4.47	3.7
Dover	10.35	6.0	10.56	6.2	Penzance	4.05	4.8	4.31	5.2
Falmouth	4.32	4.6	5.00	4.9	Portland	5.08	1.7	5.39	2.0
Glasgow	12.06	4.3	12.16	4.2	Portsmouth	9.53	4.4	10.12	4.6
Harwich	11.13	3.7	11.49	3.8	Shoreham	10.43	5.6	11.02	5.8
Holyhead	9.54	5.1	10.15	5.3	Southampton	10.29	4.3	10.49	4.4
Hull	5.41	6.8	6.12	6.9	Swansea	5.40	6.4	6.06	6.6
Ilfracombe	5.20	8.2	5.47	8.5	Tees	2.54	4.9	3.25	5.0
King's Lynn	5.51	5.9	6.21	6.0	Wilton-on-Nze	11.19	3.9	11.44	4.0
Leith	1.46	5.1	2.23	5.2					



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CALLING

Lloyd's names are facing immediate cash calls for 57 per cent of this year's record £2.9 billion loss, David Rowland said
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Southern Electric has reported a sharply higher dividend and is cutting 1,000 jobs in a drive to cut annual costs by £20 million
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RINGING

BT

The fully paid price of BT3 shares is likely to be about 439p, somewhat below this year's peak. Private investors will pay less
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5077 (+0.0072)
German mark .. 2.5563 (+0.0047)
Exchange Index ..... 80.9 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2886.8 (-11.2)
Dow Jones ..... 3509.71 (-8.37)*
Nikkei Avg . 19924.61 (+334.61)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank.... 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/8%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.98-2.97%*
Long Bond 6.68%*

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London Forex market close

GOLD

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AM 377.85 ..... PM 379.00
Close 382.20-382.70
New York:
Comex 379.75-380.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 141.1 May (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Bundesbank move allows rates to fall

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

■ **Most European countries followed the Bundesbank's lead in cutting interest rates — except Britain, where the pound strengthened against all major currencies**

THE Bundesbank cut German interest rates yesterday, drawing some of the sting out of mounting criticism around the world about its policies and allowing rates all over Europe, except in Britain, to fall

The German central bank moved just when many in the financial markets had given up hope of interest rate cuts, after yesterday's council meeting, but emphasised that it was continuing its cautious policy of easing rates.

The key discount rate was cut from 7.25 per cent to 6.75 per cent and the less important lombard emergency lending rate was trimmed from 8.5 per cent to 8.25 per cent. Other European countries including Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, Denmark, Austria and Spain swiftly followed by cutting their rates.

But the Treasury repeated its view that current British interest rates were consistent with Britain's economic policy objectives. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said recently that he and the Governor of the Bank of England agreed that rate cuts were not warranted at this stage.

However, Eddie George, the new Governor who took over yesterday, said on Wednesday that "some weight" would be taken off base rates if the government succeeded in cutting the public-sector deficit. There is something approaching a consensus in the City that any tax increases in the Budget or signs of a further slowing in the recovery would justify interest rate cuts.

Gordon Brown, shadow Chancellor, said that Mr Clarke should cut rates along with the rest of Europe because "despite some promising signs, the economy is still sluggish in many areas".

The pound rose again against the mark to end at DM2.5563, from DM2.5516 on Wednesday. With the French expected to cut rates again on Monday and perhaps move more aggressively than the Germans, the argument for a British rate cut may become irresistable. "If French rates get to 6.25 per cent and we are at 6 per cent, one may well ask why we left the exchange-rate mechanism," one economist said.

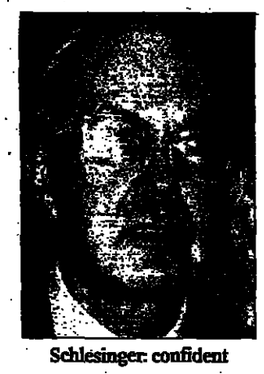
The Bundesbank's move yesterday appeared, on the initial reaction, to mark the end of the current phase of instability in the mark and the rally in the French franc. The mark bounced after the news, recovering around two cents to DM1.70 against the dollar while the franc fell to a one-month low against the mark as dealers took profits after the German move.

The Bundesbank made it clear that the moves were not taken in response to urgings from France, the US or, yesterday, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, although, in the week before the Tokyo summit, it will clearly take the heat off German policymakers.

Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, said the bank did not adapt policy to political events but said yesterday's decision was taken in view of the Bonn government's announcement of plans to cut public spending, of signs of a slowdown in inflationary money supply growth and to boost the economy. He said he was confident that the turning point for the economy had been reached.

Théo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, said: "The decision by the Bundesbank ... will help overcome the difficult economic situation together with an agreement on savings, budget consolidation and corporate tax cuts."

The OECD said yesterday that short German rates would fall to around 4.7 per cent next year, noting that recovery in Europe would be slow and may not get under way well into 1994 unless this happened.



Schlesinger: confident

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Open to persuasion: Anglo-French mediators are ready to resolve tunnel conflict

Britain, France to act on tunnel

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

THE British and French governments are poised to intervene directly in the quarrel between Eurotunnel and TML, the contractors' consortium building the Channel Tunnel, in a bid to get agreement on an opening date.

The Bank of England, which is thought to have been involved in attempts to break earlier deadlocks between the two, could move in as early as next week, along with a French joint mediator, possibly the Bank of France, sources believe.

Eurotunnel has raised the possibility of such a resolution to the dispute over the opening by saying it would accept joint mediators from the British and French governments to settle the matter. But the company has refused to accept such mediation on the cost overruns that are also at the heart of the conflict.

André Bénard, the French co-chairman, told *Le Figaro*, the newspaper, that there remained two areas of conflict between his company and TML: the additional costs the contractors' are claiming for extra work on the £10 billion project, and the actual opening date.

Eurotunnel is prepared to accept some sort of "M Bons Offices", or honest broker, to mediate over the latter, he said. But the matter of costs is already the subject of lengthy arbitration, and both parties appear to take the view that this is a contractual matter for the two of them alone.

The Bank of England refused to discuss the situation last night. But Eurotunnel conceded that M Bénard's comments were a response to suggestions raised in a number of quarters that a resolution to the conflict, which has serious implications for national transport policy, may require the involvement of the governments concerned and their respective central banks.

OECD sees Britain recovering

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE recovery in Britain is expected to gather pace gradually and inflation should, apart from a temporary blip, stay subdued, but unemployment will remain stubbornly high in the next 18 months, according to the latest world economic outlook from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The OECD predicts growth of 1.8 per cent this year, higher than the Treasury's Budget forecast of 1.25 per cent, and 2.9 per cent next year, broadly in line with the Treasury view. Unemployment is forecast to peak this year at 10.7 per cent, falling to 10.4 per cent next year. Inflation, after a temporary bout of upward pressure because of higher import prices post-devaluation, should settle back, helped by positive labour cost trends.

The OECD highlights Britain's twin deficits. It said the "disquieting" deterioration in the public sector deficit underlined the need to implement fully announced plans for medium-term fiscal consolidation. "In this regard, future tax increases now being legislated in the United Kingdom may be essential to credibility." The report is much more pessimistic than the Treasury on Britain's trade performance, predicting a current account deficit this year of £27 billion, widening to £30 billion next year. In the Budget, the government predicted a current account deficit of £17.5 billion.

Should the recovery in consumer confidence and low inflation remain in place, the OECD said that output growth could be stronger than expected. On the other hand, the rapid deterioration of continental Europe is likely to weigh on export demand.

☐ Britain's revised cyclical indicators for April are in line with other signs across the economy of resumption of growth and continued recovery throughout this year, according to the Treasury.

The longer leading indicator, pinpointing turning points in economic activity about 11 months in advance, fell 0.2 per cent, revised from a 0.4 per cent fall, after a 0.2 per cent rise in March.

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Helping a Chancellor with L plates

ANTHONY HARRIS

The education of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is going too slowly for comfort. At the Mansion House he talked of the fiscal deficit as a roadblock; but as American experience has shown, it is not. Just a burden. In his first press interview he was, at least provisionally, guilty of talking fiscal nonsense; and now he has faced his first policy decision, and muffed it. The Bundesbank rate cut offered the ideal opportunity to kill three birds with one stone. A British cut in step would have been the European thing to do; it would have encouraged his friends in the Midlands; and it would have put the new Governor firmly in his place.

But how can a greenhorn Chancellor argue with a man who claims he routinely takes 400 (or even 4,000) variables into account in his advice? Only by refusing to join him on his own ground, and pitting politics against technicalities. The Chancellor should have argued that the inflationary risks of a small cut would be minimal, even on the Governor's own evidence; and that he politically chose to run them rather than the risks of doing nothing. Clearly policy cannot simply be guided by opinion in a Solihull saloon bar; but leaving to Terry and Eddie in the Reform Club has not worked very well either. Mr Clarke must be his own man. In the public interest, then, this column will try to explain two of the points that will no doubt be deployed to frighten him when he shows signs of thinking for himself. The first is the Bank of England myth that long rates — the gilt yields he has to finance with taxes as long as the Bank fails to find less costly ways of funding — reflect the market's inflationary expectations. Nonsense: they simply reflect supply and demand in an international market. Gilts yield more than Bunds because the market believes that sooner or later the Chancellor will do what he failed to do yesterday, cut rates and let the pound fend for itself. And if the market is already discounting a decision, why dither about taking it?

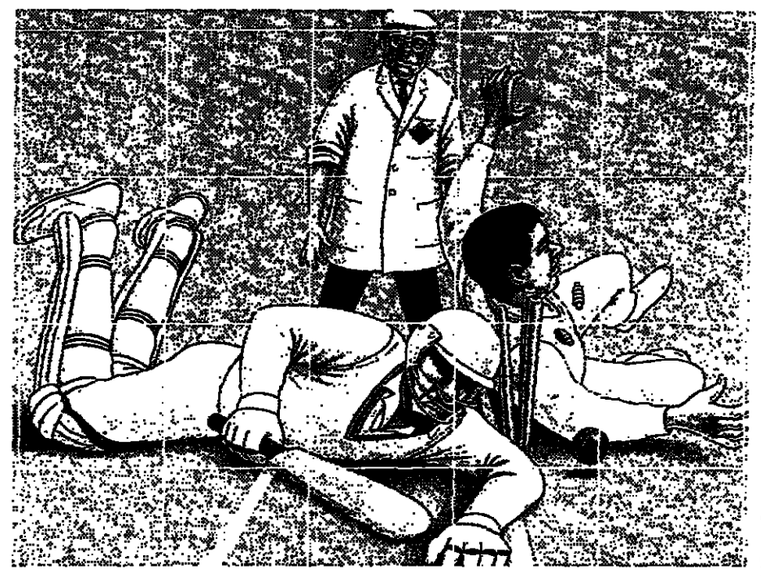
The same rule (known technically as the rational expectations hypothesis) applies to attacking the deficit. The recovery is already softening because the Chancellor has talked about raising taxes, so there will not be much more harm done when he does. In 1981, Sir Geoffrey Howe raised taxes quite modestly and cut interest rates boldly; but that will take courage to repeat with so big a deficit. So why did the deficit suddenly grow so huge?

Earnest students in the City have only identified about £12 billion of policy actions that have made the deficit worse, and Norman Lamont (who we may yet learn to lament, for he is an able man) used to hope that if that was put right over time, recovery would restore a balanced budget. However, forecasters who have modelled a recovery find that the deficit remains obstinately there; it is, therefore, classified as structural rather than cyclical — a forbidding diagnosis (rather like a doctor skirting round the word "cancer") which is confirmed today by the OECD. But this is not a sign that the Treasury suddenly lost its grip. The trouble originated in the private sector — another legacy of the Lawson follies of that late 1980s.

The worst example occurred in the US, where the bailing out of the savings and loan movement, simply in order to protect the savings of innocent depositors, added more than $150 billion to the US national debt. The US had simply nationalised private debt. But failures that are not bailed out have the same effect, more slowly.

The British banks are now extracting about £8 billion a year from the non-bank economy (through margins, spreads and charges) to cover their abnormal loss provisions; all that reduced the incomes and spending you can tax. So do the losses of Lloyd's and of the property companies; and much of the unemployment benefit increase is also due to the financial reconstruction of the private sector. The sums involved are much bigger than the £12 billion official changes.

This transfer of private debt is imposing a massive change for the worse on our national balance sheet, but not a fatal one. It cannot be put right until the private reconstruction is complete. Meanwhile, Chancellors must live with it, with patient courage.



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High interest may delay upturn says gloomy OECD

By Janet Bush
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■ **The OECD has renewed its plea for the continued fight against inflation, even though rates in many countries are falling to levels not experienced for several decades**

A SOLID recovery is some way off in the industrialised world, now experiencing its third year of falling activity. Recovery may be impeded by high debt levels and persistently high interest rates in Europe, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said yesterday.

In its latest semi-annual outlook, covering 24 industrialised countries, the OECD said that a moderate recovery should emerge next year, but the risk is that economies will continue to underperform projections. The report, which is generally gloomy, predicts growth in the OECD area of 1.2 per cent this year, a significant downward revision from the 1.9 per cent forecast only six months ago. Growth is expected to accelerate to 2.7 per cent next year.

One of the biggest worries is unemployment, expected to rise to 36 million, or 8.7 per cent of the workforce, in the first half of next year, dipping only slightly to 8.6 per cent by the end of next year.

Disinflation will continue, with the total GDP deflator, a key measure of underlying inflation, falling to about 2.5 per cent next year. "In many countries, inflation is likely to fall to rates not experienced for several decades," the OECD said.

Although the OECD made its usual plea to countries to fight inflation, the need to promote growth is clearly much more pressing. The OECD said that policy settings in countries outside Europe were probably about right to ensure sustainable recovery, but "a marked further fall in interest rates in the near future" was needed in continental Europe if the recovery is to get under way. The report particularly highlighted the need for sharp falls in German interest rates, answered in part by yesterday's news of official rate cuts.

"In the absence of such interest rate developments, pressure might build for further fiscal easing that is likely to do more harm than good to medium-term growth prospects by preventing a desirable fall in long-term interest rates," the report said, highlighting a policy dilemma for many OECD countries.

With so many nations running big budget deficits, the full weight of policy should fall on monetary policy. Even if interest rates were to fall further, however, there is a serious risk that this would take longer than usual to spark off recovery because of weak confidence and the slow process of private sector adjustment to falling asset prices and high debt levels.

On fiscal policy, a balance has to be found between cutting deficits and ensuring that this does not have too much of a negative impact on demand. On the other hand, failure to cut deficits would leave long-term interest rates higher than otherwise, which would also hinder recovery.

The OECD gives warning against a dash for growth through higher spending, however great impatience for recovery becomes, because of evidence that a temporary rise in output would be at a cost of permanently higher inflation.

"For the first time in three decades, the OECD countries are close to locking in low inflation," the report said. "If this opportunity is seized, the recovery, when it comes, could usher in a prolonged period of sustained growth."

In Britain, disinflation is likely to continue, largely because of falling labour costs, after a temporary rise in inflationary pressures because of higher import prices after devaluation. The more serious risk for Britain is its current account position, which could "constrain the scope for higher non-inflationary economic growth at some time in the future". The OECD predicts a current account deficit of £27 billion this year, far above consensus estimates in Britain of about £20 billion.



Competition warning: Baroness Denton says France and Germany lead European rivals

Inward investors prefer Britain

By Ross Tieman
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THE number of jobs created by inward investment resumed its upward path last year, but the net outflow of direct investment continued, according to the Invest in Britain Bureau.

The United Kingdom is reckoned to have remained the number one target of inward investment in Europe, with 56,000 jobs created or "safeguarded". Some £102 million of regional selective assistance grants were given to dissuade firms from taking their factories elsewhere.

The bureau remains unable to quantify the amount of investment secured by the taxpayers' cash, but Christopher Priston, its head, estimates the sum at £1.3 billion, well below the amount of direct investment undertaken overseas by British companies each year.

Baroness Denton, the small firms minister, said foreign-owned firms now account for 16 per cent of UK manufacturing jobs. They typically achieve far higher productivity, accounting for 22 per cent of output and more than a quarter of total industrial investment. However, rival European countries, led by France and Germany, were stepping up their drive to secure inward investment. "The competition has constantly intensified," she said.

According to the IBB, America was the most important source of direct investment, when measured by job creation, followed by Germany, Japan, Switzerland and France, in that order.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Talks on Hunterprint takeover collapse

TALKS have collapsed that could have led to the takeover of Hunterprint, the specialist printer that launched a £20 million cash call late last year as part of a refinancing. The company announced that the mystery bidder, or bidders, had pulled out, sending the shares down from 67p to 50p. In May, they rose to 80p when Hunterprint disclosed that it had been contacted by third parties with a view to launching a bid.

Hunterprint said that the talks had been inconclusive and were over. None of the main directors was available for comment, although it is believed that price proved the sticking point. In the six months to end-March, the company made a taxable profit of £330,000 against a £3.85 million loss in the same period last year. The refinancing was Hunterprint's second in two years. In its interim statement, the company said sales had fallen 7.5 per cent to £26.6 million as tough trading persisted.

Asda Property cash call

MANNY Davidson and his family are to lose their majority stake in Asda Property Holdings, which yesterday launched a £16.3 million rights issue to fund expansion. The 2 for 5 capital raising, at 75p per share, will reduce the family's holding from 56.5 per cent to 40.4 per cent and their rights are being placed with institutions by NatWest Securities. Existing shares in the company, which has spent £42 million on new property since September 1991, eased 3p to 86p.

Eurocamp loss grows

EUROCAMP, the mobile home and camping holiday group, reported an interim pre-tax loss for the six months to April 30 of £5.12 million, against a £4.96 million pre-tax loss previously, because of the seasonal nature of the business. The interim dividend is held at 3.45p a share. The 1992 pre-tax profit was £9.4 million, on annual sales of £61.3 million. The company said bookings were below expectations and a 30 to 35 per cent fall in year-end profits was expected.

Hays buys in Germany

HAYS, the business services group that is expanding in Europe, is paying an initial £32 million with a further £2 million due before end-December for a 75.1 per cent stake in the Mordhorst group of Germany. It has an option on the outstanding 24.9 per cent for a maximum of £34 million payable over five years. Mordhorst specialises in warehousing for manufacturers. Hays will fund the deal from existing resources.

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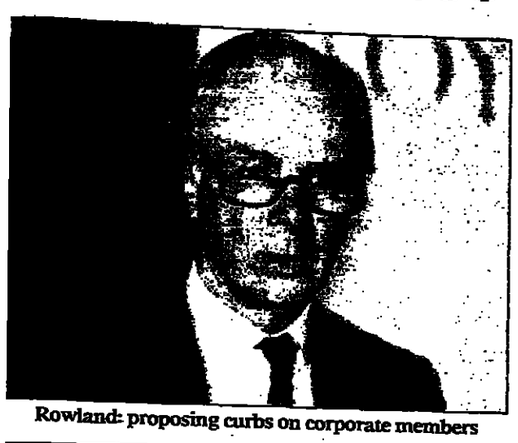
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Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	178.00	186.00	+1.20	6.10
-do- Inc	93.27	98.51	+0.57	6.10
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PPT Far East Gth	107.61	114.48†	-1.46	0.11
PPT High Yield	116.49	123.93	+0.31	4.54
-do- Acc	448.16	476.77	+1.20	4.54
PPT Managed	61.75	65.69	+0.30	3.17
-do- Acc	75.43	80.24	+0.38	3.17
PPT UK General	68.74	73.13	+0.32	2.51
-do- Acc	83.43	88.76	+0.38	2.51
PPT Japan	119.11	126.71†	-0.28	...
PPT N Amer	149.75	159.31†	-1.96	0.06
PPT UK Gth	119.27	126.88	+0.47	2.01
PPT W'wide Gwth	57.30	61.28	+0.30	0.21
-do- Acc	59.67	63.82	+0.30	0.21
PPT Preference	47.63	50.67†	+0.01	7.15
-do- Acc	248.71	264.58	+0.04	7.15
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.54	88.87	+1.13	.80
Japanese Acc	63.45	67.50	-0.50	...
UK Balncd Inc	128.00	136.20†	+0.70	2.46
-do- Acc	151.10	160.70†	+0.90	2.46
UK Growth Acc	208.40	221.70	+0.70	2.18
UK High Inc	133.50	142.00	+0.40	6.43
-do- Acc	161.60	171.90	+0.50	6.43
N America Acc	114.40	121.70†	+1.70	.32
European Acc	155.90	165.80	+0.90	.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.39	64.05†	+0.13	8.82
-do- Acc	99.05	105.10	+0.20	8.82
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.65	51.78	+0.45	.22
Environmntl Opp	71.46	76.02	+0.06	1.72
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.70	119.70	+0.90	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	202.10	214.70	+0.10	1.16
Eurofund	37.71	40.00	-0.44	1.00
Mngd Exempt	167.00	174.10	...	3.02
Growth Inc	216.80	230.40	-0.90	3.89
High Dist	142.20	151.10	+0.50	3.13
International	323.40	343.60†	-0.90	0.95
Intl Income	81.27	86.35	+0.14	3.01
Pacific	59.16	62.86	+0.50	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	72.93	77.49	+0.28	...
Tokyo	207.50	220.50	+1.30	...
Japan Exempt	117.10	120.30	-0.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	582.30	598.30	+5.10	0.08
Equity Income	121.60	129.20†	+0.40	3.95
Formerly Target				
Australia	6.846	7.269	-0.138	1.08
Euro Spec Sits	140.50	148.70	-1.50	0.54
Financial	41.53	44.13	-0.30	2.70
Global Opps Inc	90.12	95.75	+1.05	2.09
-do- Acc	93.41	99.25	+1.09	2.09
Gold Gen Inc	52.39	55.66	-0.19	0.77
-do- Acc	100.60	106.90	-0.40	0.77
Japan General	160.40	170.40	+0.40	...
Preference	21.67	23.02†	-0.38	7.89
UK Capital	104.50	111.00	+0.50	3.04
Worldwide Cap	199.40	211.90†	-1.30	3.02
World Income	84.80	90.10†	+0.14	3.29
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	176.90	188.10	-0.80	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Pelican	106.16	111.75	...	3.11
High Income	120.91	127.27	...	4.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	149.47	157.34	...	1.89
Special Sits	86.44	90.99	...	2.36
North American	104.57	110.07	...	0.84
Far Eastern	248.49	261.57	...	1.59
Intl Growth	96.17	101.23	...	1.27
European	62.96	66.27†	...	2.20
Smaller Cos	69.93	73.61†	...	2.11
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 228 707				
United Charities	222.70	236.90	...	3.76
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	122.40	130.20	+1.30	...
High Income	25.81	27.16†	-0.01	5.47
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.44	97.83	...	0.76
Far Eastern	137.10	146.70	...	...
Ocean Income	87.88	93.98†	...	2.28
UK Growth	95.00	101.60	...	0.95
UK Income	100.50	107.50†	...	3.23
US Smaller Cos	250.90	268.30	...	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.07	52.19	+0.42	...
-do- Acc	49.07	52.19	+0.42	...
Am Smllr Co	430.80	460.60	+4.90	...
-do- Acc	440.10	470.60	+5.00	...
Capital	292.40	311.00	...	2.01
-do- Acc	407.30	433.20	+0.10	2.01
Conv Smllr Cos	46.94	50.50†	-0.07	0.52
-do- Acc	49.07	52.79†	-0.08	0.52
Convertible	115.10	122.40	+0.10	5.80
-do- Acc	218.40	232.30	+0.10	5.80
Emg Mark	53.29	56.93	+0.74	...
-do- Acc	53.29	56.93	+0.74	...
European	94.41	100.70†	+0.60	1.02
-do- Acc	98.45	105.00†	+0.70	1.02
Extra Income	298.70	317.70	+0.90	3.99
-do- Acc	418.30	444.90	+1.30	3.99
Financial	106.60	114.30	+1.60	0.63
-do- Acc	111.60	119.60	+1.70	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	63.04	65.01	+0.73	6.82
-do- Acc	81.46	84.00	+0.94	6.82
Health Fund Inc	119.50	127.60	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	119.50	127.60	+1.60	...
Income Tst	181.20	192.70†	+0.60	3.80
-do- Acc	256.80	273.10†	+0.80	3.80
Intl Growth	320.30	342.50	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	355.70	380.40	+3.10	...
Japan Gen	180.30	192.40	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	182.10	194.30	-0.60	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.50	96.31	+0.49	0.85
-do- Acc	96.15	101.20	+0.50	0.85
Monthly Income	154.80	164.60	+0.40	3.90
Qrtly Inc	49.73	52.91†	+0.20	5.78
-do- Acc	49.87	53.04†	-0.20	5.78
Recovery	297.70	318.30	+4.10	0.70
-do- Acc	348.70	372.80	+4.80	0.70
UK Growth	47.38	50.62	+0.32	2.55
-do- Acc	47.38	50.62	+0.32	2.55
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	349.93	372.27	+1.58	2.69
-do- Acc	714.57	760.18	+3.24	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	107.17	114.01	+0.78	0.86
-do- Acc	110.37	117.42	+0.81	0.86
Fixed Int Dist	131.87	139.49†	+0.52	6.26
-do- Acc	223.01	236.89†	+0.87	6.26
Intl Gth Dist	77.91	82.88†	+0.83	0.72
-do- Acc	80.87	86.03†	+0.86	0.72
Nth Amer Dist	169.87	179.95†	+0.69	0.89
-do- Acc	184.98	195.95†	+0.76	0.89
Pac Basin Dist	250.28	266.26†	+4.43	0.09
-do- Acc	254.89	271.16†	+4.52	0.09
Stewardship Dist	302.35	321.65	-0.22	1.73
-do- Acc	360.52	383.53	-0.27	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.49	68.61	-0.02	3.08
-do- Acc	79.80	84.89	-0.02	3.08
N Am Stwd Dist	99.24	105.57†	+1.58	...
-do- Acc	104.98	111.68†	+1.66	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.00	148.70	+2.00	...
European	410.40	435.70	-1.70	0.98
Far East General	228.40	243.60	-0.90	0.30
Germany	96.42	102.30	+0.50	0.45
Global Assets In	69.74	74.46	+0.51	2.17
Global Assets Ac	73.74	78.74	-0.55	2.12
Income Inc	126.10	134.90	+0.50	6.53
International	276.40	295.30	+2.10	0.94
Intl Income	76.87	81.80†	-0.61	4.87
Japan General	375.30	399.20	-0.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.23	49.45†	-1.18	5.99
UK Capital Inc	170.30	182.20	+0.10	3.95
-do- Acc	291.40	311.70	+0.20	3.60
UK Spec Sits	78.93	84.42	-0.12	1.50
US General	118.60	126.30	+1.50	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	118.60	126.70†	+0.80	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.77	47.88	+0.22	1.42
Cash Trust	129.20	129.20†	+0.02	5.25
Pract Inv Inc	104.94	112.54	-0.41	4.08
-do- Acc	225.31	241.62	-0.90	4.08
UK Smaller Cos	106.86	114.59	+0.03	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.26	28.09	...	8.26
High Inc	32.27	34.51†	+0.11	4.75
UK Equity Inc	130.42	139.49	+0.35	3.86
Global Bond	29.94	31.02†	-0.21	4.64
International Funds				
Gold Intl	88.03	94.40†	-1.42	0.71
Frontier Markets	43.35	46.49	+0.44	0.47
Global Inc Gth	120.61	128.63	+1.05	1.91
UK Intl	118.11	126.33†	+0.28	0.23
Overseas Funds				
American	130.48	139.42†	-1.69	0.47
European	81.57	86.54	+0.88	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	96.69	103.16	+1.23	0.65
American Emerg	81.85	87.77	+1.08	...
Hong Kong	118.35	126.92	+3.09	1.96
Japan	230.09	244.28†	+1.65	...
Pacific Growth	159.82	171.39†	+2.86	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	127.09	135.92	+0.47	0.37
American Gth	130.68	139.76	+2.95	...
European Gth	66.58	71.07	+0.44	0.42
Japan Gth	80.34	85.93	+1.20	...
Pacific Inc	142.01	151.88	+0.18	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.44	135.23	+2.01	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.60	76.46†	+0.29	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.80	50.43†	...	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.06	48.20	-0.04	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	131.50	131.50	...	5.53
Gilt Fixed	123.20	130.70	+0.50	5.90
Growth Equity	291.10	310.90	+1.50	2.08
Guardhill	431.30	460.70	+2.10	2.13
Income Trust	110.10	117.60†	+0.70	3.79
International	158.30	169.10	+1.30	0.17
Japan Trust	125.70	134.20	+1.60	...
Nth American	257.30	274.80	+2.80	0.40
Pacific	375.40	401.00	-5.90	...
European	340.30	363.50†	+2.70	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 680, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.55	37.69	+0.20	1.61
-do- Acc	37.21	39.45	+0.20	1.61
Inc Adv Inc	29.44	31.21†	+0.10	4.05
-do- Acc	30.89	32.75	+0.10	4.05
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690590				
Canadian	83.57	89.52	+0.66	1.15
Equity Income	113.00	120.20†	...	3.44
European	132.40	140.10	+0.80	1.21
Intl Situation	75.02	79.81†	+0.70	...
Japanese	141.90	150.60	+0.40	...
North American	98.11	104.10†	-1.00	...
Scandinavian	113.20	119.70	+1.40	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.62	32.57	-0.76	2.03
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	90.27	96.49	+1.89	...
Asian Enterprise	130.70	139.77	+1.62	0.73
Australian	137.41	146.89	+2.23	1.24
European	368.07	389.90	+0.99	1.30
European Inc	71.71	75.90	+0.43	2.70
Euro Smll Co	116.32	123.87	-0.21	0.62
Extra Income	259.85	276.63†	+1.09	4.82
Family of Funds	70.98	75.85	-0.11	1.01
Fixed Interest	55.69	59.55†	+0.11	7.87
Global Resour	111.02	118.79	+1.69	0.68
High Inc	292.48	312.66	+0.60	4.26
Income Gth	238.77	254.29†	+1.34	3.58
-do- Acc	617.61	657.75†	+3.44	3.58
International	231.64	246.83	+2.31	0.88
Japan Spc Sit	243.91	259.43	-1.52	...
Japan	211.17	224.49	+1.04	...
N Amer	224.13	238.80†	+2.66	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	193.80	206.16	+0.14	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.58	50.06	+0.17	8.44
Smaller Cos Div	171.56	183.48	+0.61	3.87
Special Sits	265.42	283.99	+0.91	1.70
-do- Acc	408.98	437.60	+1.40	1.70
Best of British	55.80	59.73	-0.24	2.55
Spirit of the East	61.30	65.58	-0.66	0.56
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	80.06	85.62	+1.47	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.75	48.74	+0.03	1.48
-do- Acc	48.44	51.61	+0.03	1.48
Far East Opps	32.54	34.81†	+0.33	0.26
-do- Acc	33.59	35.93	+0.34	0.26
General Growth	98.75	105.68†	-0.67	2.76
Global Tech	125.15	133.91	+1.51	...
Income Growth	101.98	109.06†	-1.70	3.93
Income Monthly	57.00	60.96	-0.11	5.77
Japan Growth	83.92	89.32†	+0.53	...
Overseas Gth	77.08	82.02	+0.99	1.20
Smaller Cos	74.57	79.78	-0.21	1.71
Special Opps	106.09	114.07	-0.36	1.35
Wld Spec Sits	50.18	53.83	+0.16	0.49
-do- Acc	50.29	53.95	+0.16	0.49
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	87.54	93.62	-0.32	2.34
Capital	157.60	168.50	+1.00	1.86
Dollar	311.00	332.60	+2.90	0.03
European	198.20	211.90	-0.20	0.63
Far East	242.60	259.40	+2.30	0.26
Financial	716.10	765.80	-4.00	1.92
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.34	27.26	+0.04	7.63
High Yield	100.90	107.90†	-0.50	4.56
Income	134.30	146.30	-0.70	3.41
Intl	216.80	231.80	-0.50	0.31
Japan Tech	72.13	77.14	+0.19	...
Nat Resources	61.44	65.71	+0.34	0.45
Security	299.20	320.00	-1.40	1.95
Smaller Cos	112.20	120.00	-2.30	1.24
Special Sits	139.60	149.30	-1.40	1.59
US Smaller Cos	69.41	74.23†	-0.58	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.39	27.14	+0.03	1.53
Special Features	27.58	29.30	-0.19	1.59
-do- Acc	32.56	34.59	-0.22	1.59
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.17	56.84	+0.11	1.88
Assets Earnings	71.37	75.83	+0.25	1.87
-do- Acc	83.87	89.11	+0.29	1.87
Managed Invest	87.99	93.98	+0.51	1.37
Rupert Children	75.91	80.89	+0.32	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.76	50.76	...	4.34
Extra Inc	79.95	85.50	+0.41	4.75
Gilt	27.72	29.17†	+0.20	6.76
Income Gth	38.95	41.54	+0.11	3.39
MIMstar	77.01	78.71	+0.20	7.80
Preference	17.66	18.76†	-0.01	6.38
UK Income	311.00	332.30	+0.90	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	57.90	61.61†	+0.52	1.23
Property Shares	63.65	68.53	+0.32	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	146.00	153.10	+0.80	3.65
European Acc	113.40	120.20	-1.00	1.74
European Dist	107.90	114.40	-1.00	1.74
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.00	52.19	+0.85	0.90
European Perf	113.10	120.00	+0.80	1.01
-do- Acc	115.20	122.30	+0.80	1.01
Euro Small Cos	21.18	22.54	+0.02	0.74
French Growth	66.45	70.74	+0.29	0.52
-do- Acc	70.98	75.57	+0.31	0.52
Hong K/China	73.07	77.63	-1.42	1.60
Intl Growth	52.08	55.33	-0.40	0.63
-do- Acc	52.08	55.33	+0.40	0.63
Japan Perf	34.58	36.72†	-0.10	...
Accum Units	34.58	36.72†	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.40	40.83	+0.04	...
Singapore Asean	81.21	86.25	-0.88	0.28
-do- Acc	81.72	86.82	-0.89	0.28
South East Asia	236.10	250.80	+3.90	0.95
US Smllr Cos	101.90	108.20†	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	103.00	109.40†	+1.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	84.10	89.67†	+1.00	2.17
Intl Bond	58.73	59.53	+0.34	6.11
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.67	70.01†	+0.01	5.15
Extra Income	51.35	54.63†	-0.39	7.07
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.50†	+0.50	7.20
Global Income	198.10	210.70	-0.96	4.16
High Yield	132.80	141.30†	-2.42	5.90
Smllr Cos Div	48.49	51.58	-0.03	4.07
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.73	97.59	+0.79	...
North American	76.06	80.91†	-0.07	0.42
European	129.60	137.90†	+1.30	1.62
Euro Special	74.53	79.28†	-0.71	1.80
General	265.00	281.90	-1.00	3.16
Japan	437.20	465.10	-0.90	...
Japanese Special	245.20	260.90	-1.30	...
Master Acc	217.30	231.20	-1.60	1.34
Pacific	269.70	286.90	-2.30	0.56
Smaller Cos	101.90	108.40†	-0.60	1.55
UK Equity Gth	36.70	39.04	+0.32	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB				
031 550 5151				
European	73.38	78.09†	-0.32	1.01
Extra Income	23.89	25.41†	-0.13	3.28
Far East	27.74	29.51	+0.17	0.90
Income Gwth	73.45	78.14	+0.29	2.76
Intl Growth	51.97	55.29	+0.27	0.67
Japan	66.36	70.60	+0.53	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.80	41.28†	+0.25	0.28
UK Equity	86.95	92.50	+0.32	2.92
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.13	55.46†	-2.19	4.51
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690345				
Equity Dist	427.40	454.70	+2.00	2.72
Equity Acc	811.40	863.20	+3.80	2.72
Equity Income	92.59	98.50	+0.38	4.72
European	95.22	101.30	-0.40	1.28
Far Eastern	186.60	198.50	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	52.09	55.41†	+0.01	6.30
Gilt	91.65	97.19	+0.47	6.33
Global Growth	67.48	71.79†	+0.32	0.45
Intl Bond	56.96	60.60	+0.11	4.69
Japanese	72.40	77.02	-0.05	...
Overseas Equity	96.91	103.10†	+0.20	0.05
Pacific Gth	87.26	92.83	+1.03	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JP				
0634 834333				
Balanced	313.80	333.90	+1.40	2.84
-do- Acc	689.30	733.30	+3.10	2.84
Conti Euro Gth	50.35	53.00	+0.25	1.38
-do- Acc	53.25	56.06	+0.27	1.38
Extra Inc	237.10	252.30	-2.20	3.80
-do- Acc	586.10	623.60	-5.80	3.80
German Gth	97.44	102.60	+0.10	0.28
-do- Acc	102.30	107.60	+0.10	0.28
Growth Port	490.60	522.00	+2.10	0.34
-do- Acc	490.60	522.00	+2.10	0.34
Income	451.20	480.00	-2.10	3.47
-do- Acc	1158.0	1232.0	+6.00	3.47
Income Port	490.10	521.40	+1.20	4.26
-do- Acc	494.90	525.50	+1.20	4.26
Japan Growth	98.04	104.30	+1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	98.32	104.60	+1.70	0.01
Master Trust	51.69	54.99	+0.16	1.30
-do- Acc	56.90	60.54	+0.18	1.30
N American Gen	186.50	198.50	+2.40	0.01
-do- Acc	215.40	229.20	+2.70	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	140.10	149.10	-0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	143.00	152.20	-0.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	206.80	220.10	+3.60	0.60
-do- Acc	218.60	232.60	+3.80	0.60
Small Cos Rec	312.50	329.00	-0.10	2.21
-do- Acc	407.00	428.50	-0.10	2.21
UK Growth	77.36	82.30†	-1.86	2.36
-do- Acc	91.14	96.96	-1.17	2.36
Worldwide Gth	279.90	297.80†	+0.20	0.37
-do- Acc	412.80	439.30	-0.30	0.37
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 282673				
General	77.98	83.67	+0.29	2.80
Income	61.08	65.54	+0.25	5.30
International	57.08	61.24†	+0.53	0.70
American	59.70	64.06	+0.72	0.30
Japan	54.56	58.54	-0.41	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.61	61.81	-0.25	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390990				
American Gen	390.30	412.70	+4.40	0.88
-do- Acc	481.50	509.20	+5.40	0.88
American Rec	420.10	444.30	+10.70	0.20
-do- Acc	481.40	509.10	+12.30	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	122.90	129.90	+2.40	...
Australia Acc	160.00	169.30	-2.30	1.09
Capital	676.30	715.10	+2.40	2.36
-do- Acc	746.10	789.00	+2.60	2.36
Commodity Acc	442.10	467.60	-8.40	0.74
Compnd Gth	831.50	879.20	+2.60	2.82
Dividend	35.40	37.40	+0.10	4.13
-do- Acc	140.10	148.20	+0.30	4.13
Equity Inc	303.80	321.30	+0.50	4.62
European Div	60.00	63.50	+0.30	4.18
-do- Acc	67.80	71.80	+0.40	4.18
European Gen	380.70	402.60†	+1.50	1.12
-do- Acc	478.30	505.80	+2.00	1.12
Extra Yield	380.10	402.00	+2.20	4.30
-do- Acc	1111.4	1175.6	+6.50	4.30
Far Eastern	303.60	321.10	+5.40	0.76
-do- Acc	399.40	422.50	+7.20	0.76
Fund of Inv	511.70	541.10†	+0.40	2.13
-do- Acc	933.40	987.00	+0.70	2.13
General	53.50	56.60†	+0.10	3.55
-do- Acc	143.20	151.40	+0.30	3.55
Gilt Fxd Int	62.62	62.69	+0.19	7.53
do Acc	157.43	157.59	-0.48	7.53
Gold	59.90	63.30	-1.20	0.70
-do- Acc	70.10	74.10	-1.40	0.70
High Inc	25.10	26.50†	-0.16	4.39
-do- Acc	94.90	100.30	-0.40	4.39
Intl Growth	68.80	72.80	+0.70	0.83
-do- Acc	118.60	125.50	+1.20	0.83
Intl Inc	94.80	100.30	+1.20	4.47
Japan Gen Acc	51.10	54.00	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	151.50	160.20	+0.90	...
Midland	55.60	58.80	-0.20	3.21
-do- Acc	177.90	188.50	-0.90	3.21
Recovery	36.80	38.90†	+0.10	2.55
-do- Acc	58.60	61.90	+0.20	2.55
Second Gen	62.10	65.70†	+0.10	3.36
-do- Acc	153.80	162.80	-0.20	3.36
Smaller Cos	60.90	64.40	-0.10	3.05
-do- Acc	115.50	122.10	-0.10	3.05
Trustee	39.40	41.70	+0.10	3.81
Charibond 3	‡112.99	...	+0.30	9.54
Charifund 2	640.70	647.20	+3.40	5.11
Pension ex 1	845.00	866.30	+3.80	4.22
NAACIP Inc 3	‡46.17	...	...	7.68
-do- Acc 3	‡1118.1	...	+0.70	7.68
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 480, Chester X, CH99 9QG				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	136.50	145.90†	-0.27	1.99
-do- Acc	152.90	163.50†	-0.27	1.99
UK Income	114.00	121.50†	+0.49	2.60
-do- Acc	128.80	137.70†	+0.49	2.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	82.96	88.22	+1.27	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	138.10	146.50†	+2.40	0.63
Income Growth	72.36	76.81	+0.02	3.42
European	66.94	71.06	+0.48	1.27
Nth American	57.14	60.65†	+0.68	1.00
UK Growth	76.71	81.43	+0.09	1.59
Intl Growth	95.05	100.90	+1.15	0.63
Charities	108.20	114.80	+0.30	3.83
Intl Income	68.12	72.31†	+0.24	5.49
Japan	53.78	57.09	+0.62	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	188.80	200.50	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	201.80	214.30	+2.00	...
Cash	100.90	100.90	...	5.58
-do- Acc	129.80	129.80	...	5.58
European Gth	190.50	202.10	+1.20	0.79
-do- Acc	203.90	216.40	+1.30	0.79
General	463.80	494.80	+1.00	2.45
-do- Acc	882.30	941.20	+2.00	2.45
Global Dist	132.50	139.30	+0.50	5.24
-do- Acc	148.30	155.80	+0.60	5.24
Income	136.60	145.50†	+0.50	4.68
-do- Acc	201.40	214.60†	+0.80	4.68
International	390.10	415.90†	+4.80	0.67
-do- Acc	518.80	553.10†	+6.30	0.67
Japan	186.00	197.40	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	191.00	202.60	+2.20	...
New Europe	139.90	148.20	+0.90	1.75
-do- Acc	141.20	150.70	+1.00	1.75
Recovery	294.50	314.20	+0.80	2.86
-do- Acc	372.20	397.10	+1.20	2.86
European Inc	72.92	77.51†	+0.52	3.14
-do- Acc	94.24	100.10†	+0.62	3.14
Brit Blue Chip	72.26	76.99	+0.20	3.27
-do- Acc	85.22	90.77	+0.23	3.27
Portfolio	73.84	78.56	+0.36	2.88
-do- Acc	83.96	89.33	+0.41	2.88
Gold General	136.40	146.70†	-3.40	0.64
-do- Acc	139.40	149.90†	-3.30	0.64
Pacific	92.99	99.19†	+1.54	0.84
-do- Acc	98.90	105.50†	+1.70	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	53.28	56.84	-0.14	1.92
-do- Acc	59.46	63.43	-0.15	1.92
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
182 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 529 200				
Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	57.46	61.45	+0.23	2.88
-do- Acc	58.34	62.40	+0.24	2.88
British Dist	76.67	82.00	+0.38	2.08
-do- Acc	86.80	92.83	+0.44	2.08
European Gth	169.20	180.70†	+2.16	0.25
-do- Acc	212.40	226.90	+2.60	0.25
Extra High Inc	69.00	73.80	+0.30	6.21
-do- Acc	121.40	129.80	+0.50	6.21
FT-SE 100 Index	47.99	51.33†	-0.49	2.66
-do- Acc	48.69	52.08	-0.26	2.66
Gilt Fixed Int	56.15	58.46†	+0.30	6.90
-do- Acc	149.90	156.00	+0.70	6.90
High Yield	216.00	231.00	+0.90	4.75
-do- Acc	507.10	542.40	+2.30	4.75
Income	279.10	298.50	+1.10	3.35
-do- Acc	580.40	620.70	+2.50	3.35
Japan Gth	341.00	364.70	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	359.90	384.90	+1.60	...
Mandarin Acc	99.01	105.90	+2.00	0.47
North American	165.70	177.20†	+2.40	0.25
-do- Acc	209.00	223.50	+3.00	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0826				
Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	268.40	285.80†	+3.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.17	100.17†	+0.01	5.89
Deposit Acc	122.82	122.82†	+0.01	5.89
Euro Gth Acc	278.50	297.50†	+1.80	...
Europa	122.20	131.20	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	170.20	182.10	+1.20	...
Japan Tracker	78.24	82.89	+0.81	...
UK Equity Inc	148.40	159.60	+0.30	4.12
-do- Acc	182.00	195.70	+0.30	4.12
UK Ind Tracker	143.50	153.60	+0.70	3.13
US Eq Ind Trkr	193.00	204.80	-1.80	1.43
-do- Acc	204.20	216.70	+1.90	1.43
Asian Trader	158.80	172.10	+2.80	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	168.00	172.10	+1.60	2.23
European	59.75	61.04	+0.30	1.50
Olympiad	54.73	56.14	+0.41	0.36
Global Bond	47.83	48.37	+0.19	6.48
Smaller Cos	66.84	69.89	-0.27	1.01
Equity Income	91.38	93.86†	+0.28	5.09
UK Growth	80.36	85.83	+0.21	1.89
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.81	49.93	+0.37	0.98
Australian Acc	291.50	312.70	+3.60	...
Conscience	61.86	66.01	-1.27	1.08
-do- Acc	66.75	71.23	-1.38	1.08
European	166.20	176.80	-0.70	1.18
-do- Acc	178.80	190.20	-0.70	1.18
Extra Income	72.05	76.89	-0.05	5.77
-do- Acc	110.10	117.50	+0.30	5.77
Far East Gth	165.10	176.40	-0.40	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.14	62.41	+0.28	6.22
Gold	47.41	50.99	-0.91	...
-do- Acc	51.07	54.91	-0.98	...
Income	51.60	55.04†	-0.24	5.11
-do- Acc	157.90	168.40	-0.70	5.11
International	29.41	31.55	+0.25	1.05
-do- Acc	42.25	45.33	+0.36	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	346.50	369.60	-0.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	182.20	195.30	-1.80	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.99	26.87†	-0.31	2.05
Special Sits	32.39	34.82	-0.02	1.78
-do- Acc	37.30	40.10	-0.03	1.78
Tokyo	86.61	92.38	+0.27	...
-do- Acc	87.49	93.32	+0.28	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	68.08	72.43	...	2.64
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	75.12	79.50	...	5.99
N&P Higher Inc	193.00	205.40†	...	4.67
N&P UK Income	100.15	106.55†	...	3.80
N&P Intl	86.91	92.46	...	1.67
N&P Smaller Cos	75.96	80.81	...	1.52
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA				
071 407 4404				
General	164.70	175.22	+0.98	2.33
Global	289.30	307.77	+1.51	1.14
Growth	108.42	115.35	+0.48	2.55
Income	200.17	212.95†	-1.49	4.40
Intl Bond	129.60	137.61	-0.10	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR				
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.30	143.50	-0.50	2.58
-do- Acc	241.60	254.20	+0.80	2.58
Income	219.30	233.30	+1.20	3.54
Intl Equity	222.70	236.90	+1.50	0.85
-do- Acc	243.80	259.30	+1.60	0.85
Equity	214.70	228.30†	+0.90	2.46
-do- Acc	440.20	466.20	+2.00	2.46
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.34	73.76	+0.35	1.98
UK Income	59.84	63.66†	-0.71	3.09
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.03	79.82	-0.03	1.42
New Europe Acc	60.89	64.77	+0.34	1.26
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames				
0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	93.42	99.92	+0.29	0.23
FEP Gth Inc	101.67	108.74	+0.96	1.36
Intl Gth	485.02	518.74	-0.84	0.76
Income	305.03	326.24	+1.23	3.29
W wide Recov	309.07	330.56	+0.16	0.43
American Gth	206.75	221.13	-0.57	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	183.62	196.39	-0.27	0.14
Far East Gth	216.77	231.85	+0.39	0.15
European Gth	110.85	118.56	+0.30	1.32
UK Growth	77.44	82.83	+0.19	2.83
High Income	82.45	88.19†	-1.80	4.39
Japanese Gth	216.66	230.71	-0.31	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	177.60	188.90	+2.10	0.77
High Income	109.40	116.40	+0.40	3.66
Conv Gilt	109.50	116.50†	-3.30	6.16
Far East	308.60	328.30	-1.70	0.28
Global Inc Acc	31.48	33.49	+0.15	5.65
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674251				
American	50.48	53.70†	+0.23	0.20
Emerging Mkts	63.61	67.67†	+0.07	0.56
General	47.19	50.20†	+0.19	3.20
International	83.42	88.74	+0.64	1.36
Gilt Units	26.50	27.32	+0.19	7.28
Global FEP	34.60	36.81	+0.11	2.10
Income Gth	64.82	68.96	+0.28	4.75
European	42.18	44.87	+0.25	0.67
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.63	27.27†	+0.05	5.77
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4394				
Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.32	33.49	+0.21	1.80
Pru Cth Hvn Inc	101.40	101.40†	+0.01	5.34
-do- Acc	105.53	105.53†	+0.01	5.34
Pru Equity	656.67	702.32	+3.77	2.58
Pru Equity Inc	77.97	83.38†	+0.55	4.71
Pru European	172.49	184.48†	+1.37	1.23
Pru Global Gth	79.91	85.46	+0.67	1.21
Pru High Inc	83.57	89.37†	+0.53	4.91
Pru Intl	162.67	173.97	+1.74	1.03
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.63	74.47	-0.69	0.71
Pru Japanese	201.61	215.62	+0.30	...
Pru Nth Amer	141.39	151.21†	+1.73	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	77.57	82.96	+1.49	1.31
Pru Premr Inc	49.80	51.85	+0.12	6.06
Pru Smllr Cos	82.44	88.17	-0.03	2.05
Pru Spec Sits	96.88	103.61†	+0.47	2.45
Pru UK Grwth	109.80	117.43	+0.55	2.47
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	152.72	164.46†	+1.04	3.57
NC Japan	275.79	295.44	+2.58	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.46	98.35†	+0.34	2.52
NC America Inc	491.21	526.99	+6.18	0.72
-do- Acc	570.54	612.10	-7.17	0.72
NC Smlr UK Cos	267.88	282.06	-0.66	1.49
NC European	247.80	264.41	+0.91	1.41
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.42	77.04	+0.94	3.68
Capital Units	144.20	153.40†	+0.90	1.28
Commodity	110.50	117.50	+2.10	1.11
European Gth	154.90	164.70	+0.50	1.29
Financial Sec	175.90	187.10†	-1.80	1.80
High Return	211.50	224.90†	-4.10	3.68
High Yield	203.90	216.90	+1.00	4.02
Income Units	108.60	115.50	-0.20	4.93
Investment	177.70	189.00	-0.40	1.27
Japan Gth	156.90	166.90	+1.90	...
Japan Smaller	183.40	195.10	+0.70	...
Masterfund	47.17	50.18†	+0.40	1.27
Scotbits	255.80	272.10†	+0.20	1.51
Scotshares	258.10	274.50†	-0.20	2.24
Scotyields	224.00	238.20	+0.90	3.77
Select Intl	129.00	137.20	+1.10	0.41
Smaller Cos	229.30	243.90	-0.20	3.86
Special Situation	110.70	117.70†	+0.40	0.82
UK Equity	224.20	238.50	+0.60	2.67
US Growth	139.20	148.00	+1.20	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Sce: 0800 526 535. Broker Sce: 0800 526 540				
American	232.76	248.26	-1.42	0.50
-do- Acc	252.19	268.98	-1.54	0.50
Australian	124.74	133.05	+2.28	0.90
-do- Acc	146.65	156.41	+2.67	0.90
UK Enterprise	214.20	228.47†	-1.15	2.32
-do- Acc	250.30	266.99	+1.74	2.32
European Gth	60.65	64.71†	+0.42	1.50
-do- Acc	63.20	67.21	+0.44	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	54.67	58.23†	+0.22	0.44
-do- Acc	55.04	58.63	+0.22	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	70.94	75.66	+0.82	...
-do- Acc	72.08	76.88	+0.83	...
Fixed Interest	54.08	57.03	+0.18	6.78
-do- Acc	65.67	69.25	+0.21	6.78
Gilt Income	104.51	110.13	+0.53	7.46
-do- Acc	145.96	153.81	+0.73	7.46
Income	317.15	338.29	-2.02	3.85
-do- Acc	935.50	997.88	-5.97	3.85
Japan Enterprise	68.95	73.54	-0.28	...
-do- Acc	68.95	73.54	-0.28	...
Japan Smllr Cos	480.36	512.38†	-1.88	...
-do- Acc	481.32	513.41	-1.88	...
Pacific Gth	96.07	102.47	+1.41	0.07
-do- Acc	98.92	105.51	-1.45	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.21	201.82†	+0.22	0.88
-do- Acc	218.64	233.22	+0.27	0.88
Tokyo	109.14	116.41	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	110.24	117.58	+0.14	...
UK Equity	208.97	222.90†	-1.88	2.64
-do- Acc	391.82	417.93	+1.67	2.64
US Smllr Cos	133.32	142.20	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	133.32	142.20	-0.50	...
World Fd	71.10	75.84	+0.25	1.44
-do- Acc	74.97	79.96	+0.26	1.44
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.82	49.96	+0.18	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.73	67.87	+0.13	1.04
European Opps	70.16	74.72	+0.05	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.45	102.02	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	54.13	57.65	+0.36	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	343.50	366.90	+1.30	2.75
American	248.50	263.80	-4.60	0.92
Pacific	334.60	357.90	+3.80	0.61
European	444.40	475.30	+3.40	1.27
Worldwide	79.92	85.48	+0.82	1.14
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	302.50	321.40†	+1.30	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.60	222.00†	-0.40	1.67
European	328.90	349.90	+3.20	1.68
North American	257.80	274.30	+4.10	0.56
Income Plus Inc	66.37	70.61	+0.25	3.90
UK Spec Sits	67.18	71.47	+0.16	2.78
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.64	27.44	+0.10	2.86
Intl Growth Acc	29.41	31.48	+0.17	1.06
Markets Ldrs Acc	26.17	28.01	+0.06	2.90
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226				
European	198.19	...	+0.22	...
Global Bond	198.59	...	-0.18	7.50
Japan Samurai	196.61	...	-0.36	...
UK Growth	198.20	...	+0.05	4.03
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393777				
Managed	44.29	47.06	+0.20	1.65
Equity Gth Acc	60.70	64.50	+0.50	1.45
UK Eq General	41.89	44.51	+0.20	2.24
-do- Acc	55.32	58.78	+0.30	2.24
European Acc	41.05	43.62	+0.10	1.18
Far East Acc	55.56	59.04	+0.20	0.24
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.95	32.73	+0.10	6.63
N American Acc	43.41	46.13	+0.30	0.79
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	279.70	303.50	+2.10	1.44
UK Eq High Inc	35.20	37.40	+0.30	3.84
-do- Acc	41.80	44.42	+0.40	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Inc	289.90	314.60	+1.20	3.75
UK Lgr Cos Acc	377.50	409.60	+1.50	3.75
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.63	NZ$3.86	+0.081	1.98
US Eq	$2.079	$2.208	...	1.21
Far East Eq	¥233.2	¥247.7	...	...
Japan Eq	¥241.4	¥256.4	...	...
FT Europe	111.20	118.10	...	2.21
FT North Am	$1.725	$1.829	...	1.31
FT Japan	¥235.3	¥250.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.862	$1.977	...	1.54
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031 226 3271				
American	340.40	362.80	+4.00	0.32
British	940.80	995.40	+2.30	4.12
European	386.80	411.80	...	1.41
Japan	146.90	155.90	...	...
New Pacific	295.90	315.10	+2.10	1.28
Mngd Cash	95.38	95.38†	-0.84	5.04
Majority Stg	99.55	100.55†	-0.87	4.77
Inv TR	191.60	200.10	+1.30	1.76
Selwts PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex				
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	725.90	776.40	+2.90	3.26
N America Acc	116.20	124.30	-1.10	0.36
Far East Acc	124.60	133.30	+1.90	0.03
W wide Bond	61.39	65.17	+0.34	5.52
European	82.31	88.03	+0.35	0.83
Equity Income	81.02	86.65†	+0.37	4.68
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.34	36.73	+0.24	0.55
Managed Assets	117.78	125.97†	-0.96	3.05
UK Income	36.21	38.73†	+0.20	2.92
UK Growth	36.26	38.79	+0.18	2.20
Worldwide Gth	31.21	33.38†	+0.29	0.32
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE				
0264 346794				
American	211.29	224.78	+3.34	0.10
-do- Acc	232.08	246.89	+3.67	0.10
British Gth	86.22	91.72	+0.43	1.86
-do- Acc	101.44	107.92	+0.51	1.86
European	92.30	98.19	+0.89	1.07
-do- Acc	97.36	103.57	+0.94	1.07
Extra Inc	186.35	198.24	+0.67	4.00
-do- Acc	297.28	316.25	+1.07	4.00
General Unit	266.82	283.85	+1.10	2.32
-do- Acc	526.49	560.10	+2.18	2.32
Income	320.69	341.16†	+1.48	3.54
-do- Acc	666.42	708.96†	+3.08	3.54
International	490.14	521.43	+4.03	0.45
-do- Acc	641.64	682.60	+5.27	0.45
Pacific	346.53	368.65†	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	364.02	387.25†	+3.04	...
Premier Income	51.36	53.50	+0.19	6.29
-do- Acc	107.07	111.53	+0.40	6.29
Nat Resources	130.37	138.69	+0.52	0.16
-do- Acc	143.07	152.20	+0.56	0.16
Selected Opps	99.08	105.40	+0.38	1.13
-do- Acc	124.04	131.96	+0.48	1.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX				
071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	76.35	81.44	-0.02	...
-do- Acc	78.75	84.00	-0.01	...
European Opps	60.28	64.25	+0.48	0.46
-do- Acc	60.91	64.92	+0.49	0.46
Far East Opps	152.54	162.70	+2.59	...
-do- Acc	156.10	166.50	+2.66	...
Japan	87.00	92.62	+0.31	...
-do- Acc	87.00	92.62	+0.31	...
Little Dragons	74.02	78.95	+1.08	0.63
-do- Acc	76.20	81.27	+1.11	0.63
Oriental Income	44.05	46.98	+0.42	3.39
-do- Acc	56.16	59.90	+0.54	3.39
Tiger	213.78	228.03	+2.52	1.16
-do- Acc	224.60	239.57	+2.66	1.16
UK Small Cos	76.25	81.55	-0.13	1.95
-do- Acc	88.95	95.13	-0.17	1.95
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.88	19.02	+0.17	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.63	33.64	+0.33	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.48	39.83	+1.11	...
Global Bond	$0.962	$1.032	-0.003	7.19
Penny Share	24.13	25.67	+0.02	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.93	52.93	+0.02	5.40
Gilt Growth	67.77	70.53	+0.31	...
Gilt Income	52.11	54.23†	+0.18	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.90	109.40	+0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	+0.000	...
Challenger	94.49	96.70	-0.86	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG				
081 298 4800				
Stockmarket Fd	68.38	72.74	-0.10	1.94

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Names face immediate cash call for 57% of record loss



Rowland: proposing curbs on corporate members

LLOYD'S names are facing immediate cash calls for 57 per cent of this year's record £2.915 billion loss, David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, revealed yesterday. Addressing the Association of Lloyd's Members' annual meeting, Mr Rowland said attempts to ease "financial strain" had resulted in delaying demands for the remaining £1.25 billion of the 1990 underwriting year's losses.

He added that he hoped the measures aimed at mitigating the impact of the 1990 losses would *enable more names to carry on* underwriting at Lloyd's, alongside the new source of "incorporated" capital. However, many of the 400 names at the meeting voiced scepticism over the introduction of corporate capital, arguing that the new capital providers would be given preferential treatment. Marie-Louise Burrows, chairwoman of the Lime Street Action Group, said many names believed that corporate capital would disadvantage the existing membership.

However, Mr Rowland said he did not agree with the view that corporate capital was "some monolithic giant" which will come in and eat up the market. And he announced plans for measures to ensure no preference is given to corporate capital.

In a paper called *"Requirements for the admission of corporate members: a consultative document"*, published yesterday, Lloyd's proposes restricting corporate capital's involvement in any one syndicate. For the 1994 underwriting year, corporate members will not be able to provide in aggregate more than 50 per cent of a syndicate's total premium limit without the consent of the Council of Lloyd's. No corporate provider, or a group of connected corporate members, will be allowed to account for more than a quarter of a syndicate's total premium limit without Lloyd's approval.

And a corporate capital provider will, except in certain situations, have to diversify its underwriting so that no more than 20 per cent of its overall premium limit is invested in any one syndicate. However, the council may allow corporate capital providers to invest more for syndicates with larger capacities as long as the syndicate writes at least five different lines of business. For syndicates with a capacity of more than £50 million, the limit is raised to 40 per cent and for those with more than £100 million capacity the limit is up to 50 per cent.

This proposal is to ensure that a corporate member does not write high risk business in the search for high returns and is then able to sidestep any losses as a result of its limited liability, leaving unlimited *liability names to bear the loss* through the central fund.

George Stevens, chairman of Brockbank Group, the Lloyd's agency, said: "What Lloyd's has set out to do is allay the fears of names that they will be swamped by corporate capital." David Jarvis, managing director at Salomon Brothers International, the investment bank, addressing the meeting, expressed the view of a potential capital provider. He said that if Lloyd's did not open its doors to corporate capital quickly it ran the risk of losing a large chunk of profitable business.

The consultative document, on which comments have to be received by July 23, also reveals that Lloyd's is reconsidering the rules governing voting rights of names. Mr Rowland said: "We have set up a working party to look at voting rights. It is very likely that we shall move to a system which relates voting rights to capacity." Currently each name has one vote irrespective of the amount written. Final rules on corporate capital are due to published in August and Mr Rowland expects corporate members will be signed up by the end of September.

Institutions expect low premium for BT3 bids

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

■ The success of SG Warburg, which is co-ordinating BT3, in preventing any dramatic fall in BT shares, means fund managers are unlikely to bid a high premium

BIDDING in the government's BT3 share sale is unlikely to start any higher than last night's 425p closing price, with the final fully paid price expected to be around 439p, according to institutions. That is below the BT peak this year of 445½p, at the end of March.

That would mean private investors, registering through share shops or the Share Information Office by today — *the last day to register* — would pay 409p for the fully paid shares, taking into account the 10p discounts on offer on each instalment.

Market makers have put the time value of money on BT shares in a range from 11.9p on a 400p price to 15.4p in the unlikely event that the price moved up to 450p.

Fund managers say that if bidding starts at around 425p, as expected, that will mean a fully paid price of 439p for those buying in the international offer, giving the partly paid shares a time value of around 14p. The time value takes into account interest rates on the money investors will be holding back to pay for the shares over the 15 months before the final payment.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, announced on Tuesday that the first instalment for institutions will be 160p. The Treasury had already set the second instalment at 140p.

The price of the third instalment, 139p on these calculations, will not be set until after the close of the international offer on July 16, when SG Warburg, which is co-ordinating the offer, will assess bids from institutions.

Given Warburg's success in *preventing any dramatic fall* in BT's share price since it peaked in March, fund managers say that they are unlikely to bid a high premium.

The shares peaked after the final instalment of BT2 was paid and after the Treasury said that the sale of BT3 would take place before March the following year.

Fund managers must also bear in mind Warburg's wish *to disfavour institutions that* sell shares ahead of the issue to try to drive the price down.

It is quite normal for institutions to sell shares in companies that are offering additional shares, which pushes the price lower.

However, the government's attempts to persuade the London Stock Exchange to encourage all pre-offer dealings to be settled in cash within 48 hours, rather than over the normal two-week *settlement period*, were abandoned last month after a chorus of complaints from institutional investors who argued that this would have unfairly helped Warburg to support the BT share price.

Instead, market makers have been required to tell the stock exchange about any transaction of 100,000 shares or more.

US institutional investors, particularly US utility funds, are believed to have shown a lot of interest in BT3. Yields on US utility shares have fallen sharply, *making the yield* on the partly paid BT shares very attractive. The government decision to sell half the *shares on offer to institutions* highlights the lack of interest from private investors.

The Treasury has cut back incentives on offer in its attempt to stop the general public from buying shares for a quick profit and to encourage long-term holders. However, this appears to have dampened interest.

Meanwhile, the stock exchange said yesterday that official dealings in the partly paid shares and fully paid *shares will start one hour* early at 7.30am on Monday, July 19, to cope with the extra volume of trading. Brokers accepting a client's sale order by telephone must give a warning that a short delay of up to an hour may occur before dealing.

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PETER TRELEAVEN



Building for the future: John Callcutt, of Crest Nicholson, reported profits of £1.4 million from house sales

Directors' see decline in pay rises

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S bosses are showing increasing pay restraint, with more than a quarter seeing a fall in their total earnings last year. But the overall rate of increase, at 5.5 per cent since last November, continues to outstrip rises to other employees.

The figures, drawn from an analysis of 10,000 board director posts carried out by the *Monks partnership*, show wide variations between industrial sectors. From the 1,260 company accounts examined, it seems the biggest rises to directors were awarded in the oil and chemical industries, where they averaged 11 per cent. Directors of food and drink and consumer goods manufacturers averaged rises of 9 per cent. The most modest salary growth was in mechanical engineering, at 4.5 per cent, and the construction industry, where it averaged 2.8 per cent.

Publication of the figures coincides with release of the *latest* Pay Databank, charting shop-floor rises, from the Confederation of British industry.

According to the CBI, manufacturing settlements in the three months to April averaged 2.1 per cent, the lowest figure since the CBI began monitoring in 1977. The trend was down sharply on the 3.8 per cent a year before. Service sector settlements are also falling sharply, the CBI says, and are estimated to have averaged 2.5 per cent in the *latest quarter*.

The low level of pay deals has lead the CBI to project a productivity rise of 2.8 per cent over the *next* 12 months.

Bank task force proposes end to SE account

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

THE Bank of England task force, set up after the collapse of the London Stock Exchange Taurus share settlement project, is proposing an end to the traditional stock exchange account, replacing it with rolling settlements from the middle of next year.

Initially, the stock exchange's existing Talisman computer will be adapted to provide a ten-day rolling settlement from the middle of 1994 *and a five-day settlement* from 1995. This compares to the Group of Thirty recommendation of a three-day settlement norm for *dealings*.

The task force, chaired by Pen Kent, a Bank of England director, is to press on with detailed specifications for a new service to replace Taurus, to be called Crest, which would be operable from 1996.

The Bank will be responsible for detailed specification but says ownership of the service will be decided after the six to nine months specification period. In their report to the Governor of the Bank of England, published yesterday, the task force states: "Prospective participants should be given the opportunity to fund and manage development of the service.

"If they do not wish to, we understand that the Bank will be *prepared to consider*, at the completion of the next stage of work, whether it would be able and willing to take on this role itself. *If the Bank were to* take on the role, it would be on a fully commercial basis with the costs of development being amortised through participation fees.

"In any case, we would recommend exploring how ownership might later be vested in some form of market consortium. This is the pattern in a number of other countries."

Mr Kent said it was not possible to comment on costs of the new system which would depend on its complexity. He said that the more paper that could be eliminated from the system the cheaper it would become.

Mr Kent also emphasised the degree of risk that could be *taken out of* share settlement by reducing the settlement period. He hoped to find some way of maintaining the existing visibility that a company has over its share register.

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Bank enters Taurus ring

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

THE Bank of England is ready to grab the Taurus bull by the horns. A working party set up to find a replace-

The Times, June 24

BPB lifts profits to £57m

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

HIGHER prices and cost savings allowed BPB Industries, Britain's biggest maker of plasterboard, to raise pre-tax profits from £37.8 million to £57.5 million in the year to end-March. But the improvement in the market, after years in the doldrums, was not enough to save the dividend payable to shareholders.

A final payment of 4.8p, as forecast at the time of February's £64 million convertible bond issue, makes a total trimmed from 11.25p to 7.5p. The payment is just covered by *attributable earnings*, in contrast with last year, when half was paid out of reserves.

John Maxwell, the chief *executive, refused to quantify* the effect on profits of the price increases that had been won after several years of price wars *in the plasterboard market*. Prices of the product, in which BPB has a 60-65 per cent market share in Britain, rose 15 per cent over the last financial year and 20 per cent since February 1992.

The latest 7 per cent price rise which came into effect this spring had no effect on last year's figures and will only impact in the current financial year. Meanwhile, through the closure of less profitable plants, BPB has managed to cut costs by 30 per cent over the past three years.

The building materials division saw operating profits rise to £72.4 million (£42 million). Paper and packaging, however, hit by lower prices and a reduction of demand in European *cartonboard, fell to* £8.2 million (£13 million).

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Southern leads on payout among electricity firms

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SOUTHERN Electric has shot to the head of the unofficial dividend race now being run by the regional electricity companies, with a 17.6 per cent rise in the total paid to shareholders.

The announcement comes just two days after another of the regional power distributors, Seeboard, serving the Southeast, had pushed to the head of the pack with a 15.9 per cent rise in dividends.

This has now been topped by Southern, the tenth of the 12 distributors reporting 1992-3 figures and the distributor for the South, which is paying a 14p final and a 19.6p total, slimming dividend cover from 2.9 *times earnings to 2.8 times*.

Geoffrey Wilson, the chairman, defended the dividend rise with reference to earlier promises from Southern that payments to shareholders would increase by 5 to 8 per cent, well beyond the forthcoming regulatory review into the distribution business, which takes place next year.

"We were in no sense getting involved in any dividend race," he said. "We have been sharing a considerable amount of benefits from cost-saving with the customers, and we thought our shareholders should benefit as well."

Southern managed to reduce its gearing from 24 per cent to 18 per cent after positive cash flow of £86 million last year. The company has also announced an acceleration of its cost reduction programme, with the loss of 1,000 jobs, over the next three years after a restructuring of the business into three regions and two customer service centres. This will cut operating costs by £20 million a year by the middle of the current decade.

The aim is to achieve job losses by natural wastage. Southern was privatised three years ago with more than 8,000 employees, but this number has already come down, on a directly comparable basis, to just over 7,000.

Southern shares, on another day of strong price rises for electricity companies that ran contrary to the trend elsewhere on the stock market, jumped 10p to 482p.

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Commercial property hits Crest

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE pick-up in the residential market helped Crest Nicholson make a £1.4 million profit on house sales in the six months to end-April, against a loss of £1.6 million.

However, losses of £3.9 million on commercial property and £300,000 on construction left Crest, whose chief executive is John Callcutt, with an interim pre-tax loss of £3.9 million, compared with a £4.4 million loss. The loss per share was 4.84p, against a deficit of 5.95p. Again there is no interim dividend.

Crest sold 652 houses during the six months, 82 more than previously, but average prices fell from £76,000 to £74,000. Reservations in the first seven months of the financial year were 838, up 15 per cent on the previous year.

City scribblers take a back seat

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

THE days of the City scribblers are still *numbered*, even though fewer of the big institutional fund managers are throwing the bulk of the circulars they receive into the waste-paper bin.

According to the annual Extel survey of investment analysts, the amount of research by the institutions is rising. Extel notes that fund managers are concerned about the priority that stockbrokers' analysts give to their corporate finance departments and dealing rooms.

Such fears arise directly from the debate about Chinese walls and the segregation of different departments within banking conglomerates that raged at the time of the City's *Big Bang* in 1986.

Extel also notes that "achieving an improvement in communication skills still remains a major challenge for most brokers". In particular, Extel says: "Most managers would like to see fewer 'overnight notes' but more in-depth analysis of medium and smaller companies." A *number of stockbrokers* have made enormous efforts in the past couple of years to produce circulars on company results on the evening of the company report — apparently in vain.

However, the fund managers are still loyal to those who supply them with good research. The top five research brokers in the Extel survey received the lion's share of commissions in the past year. Demand for pan-European research is abating, but *fund managers* would like to read more about the emerging markets in the Third World.

Seven out of ten fund managers believe that 40 per cent of the research produced is not needed, although the proportion of fund managers claiming to read less than a quarter of what they receive is down from 50 per cent last year to 40 per cent this year. One third of fund managers feel that quality has improved, 18 per cent believe it has got worse.

In the keenly watched rankings of stockbrokers, Warburgs hung on to its lead, and James Capel regained the number two position from NatWest. Kleinwort Benson moved up a place to four, BZW moved up a place to five and UBS, which suffered from the controversial departure of Terry Smith, head of research, during the year, fell from four to six and was nearly beaten into seventh place by Smith New Court.

The team of analysts receiving the highest number of votes in any stock market sector were the Kleinwort Benson water analysts.

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DUNFELL LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Dunfell Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, WC1 on Wednesday the 7th day of July 1993 at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 5th and 6th days of July 1993 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ
Dated this 28th day of June 1993
By Order of the Board
A. COOPER, Director

IN THE MATTER of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and IN THE MATTER of THE HALL OF NAMES LTD.
Registered Office:
205 St John's Hill, Battersea, London SW11 1TH
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at The Stevenage Moathouse Hotel, High Street, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 3AJ on 12 July 1993, at 11.30 am, for the purpose mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr T J Bramston at Mandelhall Court, High Street, Stevenage, Herts SG1 3AY on 9 July 1993 to 9 July 1993 between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.
DATED this 14 June 1993
By order of the Board

Lowercliase Ltd t/a J.C. Colour
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 16th July 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 29th June 1993
C.A. LONG, Director.

No 003813 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRST SPANISH INVESTMENT TRUST PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 9th June 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £21,000,000 to £2,100,000 and the reduction of the share premium account of the Company by £13,107,043 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 11th June 1993
DATED this 2nd day of July 1993.
SIMMONS & SIMMONS
14 Dominion Street
London EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

No 005649 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF CHANNEL HOLDINGS plc
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 16th day of June, 1993, confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £4,600,000 was registered with the Registrar of Companies on the 24th day of June, 1993.
Ogiers Smith Braithwaite
2 July 1993
Solicitors for the Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MDS PROMOTIONS LIMITED
Trading As Think Bathrooms
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 28th June 1993 I, L. Gibson was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Members and by the Creditors of the Company.
Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6RB
L. Gibson, Joint Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ORMELEY LODGE LIMITED
Company Number: 1970621
As a result of reorganisation the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation on 1 July 1993 and Richard Victor Verbrugh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 30 July 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.
Date 1 July 1993
Richard Victor Verbrugh Setchim
Liquidator

SCIMITOS LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 4th August 1993, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned N.D. Goodman, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF the liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 25rd June 1993
N.D. Goodman, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
J W CARPENTER LIMITED
(In Administration)
Nature of business: Retailers of Housewares
Administration Order made 22 June 1993 John administrator: D J Mason of Morton Thornton & Co 47 Holywell Hill St Albans, Herts. AL1 1HD

TO: JAI KUMAR PATEL
Lately of 7DA Prince Gate Mews London W2
TAKE NOTICE. That an action has been commenced against you in The Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, Strand, London WC2. action no CH1993-H-No-4050 in which the Halifax Building Society seeks the following orders and declarations in relation to the property situate and known as 1 Wilbury Avenue, Sutton, Surrey:
1. A declaration that the Halifax Building Society holds an equitable charge over the property situate and known as 1 Wilbury Avenue, Sutton, Surrey
2. An order that there be granted to the Halifax Building Society a legal term of years absolute to enable the Halifax Building Society to sell the property, or, alternatively that the said property be vested in the Halifax Building Society
3. An order enforcing the said charge by an order for sale of the property
4. An order that the register at H M Land Registry be rectified to register the interest of the estate of the Halifax Building Society in the property
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that the grounds on which the Halifax Building Society claims that it is entitled to such orders are contained in the affidavit of Kevin Alden Lee sworn the 15th June 1993
It has been ordered by the Court that service of the summons and affidavit be effected upon you by advertisement and copies of the summons and affidavit are available from the solicitors to the Halifax Building Society named below or alternatively from Chancery Chambers, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, London WC2 and that service shall be deemed to be effected upon at the expiry of 42 days from the publication of this notice
Issued by: The Manson Partnership, 36-38 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1EA, tel no. 081 464 7238, ref: KAL/HALIFAX (WILBURY) solicitors to the Halifax Building Society
29th June 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Prosperide Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 24 June 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of my intention to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 24 June 1993
G S Kinlan, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IMPEX (U.K.) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at SIMONS, PLATMAN & RECHNIC, 8 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7AD on 8th July 1993 at 11.00am in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said act
Zafar Iqbal of Cooper Young, 418-417 High Street, London E15 4QZ is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company who will during the period before the day of the meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED 24th day of June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
DIRECTOR

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - South Lakeland District Council Fund in Commemoration of the Wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. *A copy of the draft Scheme can be* seen at South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4UQ, or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference PC/526118/1. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

Ravenscraig to be redeveloped

Ravenscraig, the Motherwell steel plant which became synonymous with Scotland's declining industrial base, is to be redeveloped. Yesterday a team of consultants was appointed to draw up redevelopment plans for the 1,000-acre site.

Price Waterhouse has been appointed to lead the consortium which will include Babtie, the Glasgow engineering consultant, and DEGW, the architect. Their proposals will be published early next year.

The consortium has been appointed by the Ravenscraig steering group, which includes Lanarkshire Development Agency, Scottish Enterprise, British Steel, Motherwell District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council.

Select issue

Select Appointments, the recruitment group, is raising £8.95 million in a preference share issue in a bid to reduce debts. The company was saved from financial collapse two years ago when Waverley, a newly formed company set up by two former personnel experts, injected cash and became a major shareholder. Select's ordinary shares were unchanged at 6p.

Gibbs Mew up

Gibbs Mew, the Salisbury brewer, unveiled pre-tax profits almost doubled to £1.2 million (£633,000) in the 53 weeks to April 3. The company's shares jumped 8p to 258p, well ahead of the 200p a share Brierley Investments offered in its unsuccessful £11 million takeover bid last year. A final dividend of 4.5p makes a total of 7.5p, against 6.75p last time.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	19.05	17.55
Belgium Fr	55.50	51.10
Canada $	2.055	1.89
Denmark Kr	10.42	9.62
Finland Mkk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	9.10	8.40
Germany Dm	2.69	2.49
Greece Dr	363.00	338.00
Hong Kong $	12.32	11.32
Ireland Pt	1.097	1.017
Italy Lira	2405.00	2260.00
Japan Yen	178.25	159.25
Nethrlnds Gld	3.03	2.80
Norway Kr	11.36	10.57
Portugal Esc	245.00	236.00
Sth Africa Rd	5.90	5.10
Spain Pta	201.00	186.00
Sweden Kr	12.11	11.31
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	16850.0	15850.0
USA $	1.60	1.47

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

STOCK MARKET

Governor's warning on rates deprives shares of impetus

THE expected cut in German interest rates failed to make the impact on sentiment that many investors had expected, with share prices giving up an early lead to close lower on the day.

Brokers said that the warning from Eddie George, the new Governor of the Bank of England, that he would resist politically motivated cuts in interest rates had taken much of the impetus out of the German move.

The FT-SE 100 index, which had again breached 2,900 in early trading with a rise of 6.7 points, eventually closed 11.2 down at 2,888.8, with 651 million shares changing hands.

A review of food manufacturing provided a few bright spots, with **Hazlewood Foods** adding 2p at 191p, **Associated British Foods** 5p to 489p, **Booker** 6p to 393p, **Cadbury Schweppes** 3p to 467p, and **Tate & Lyle** 1p to 377p.

The best performance was enjoyed by **Hillsdown Holdings**, up 7p at 144p, after an encouraging trading statement. Sir John Nott, chairman, said that interim figures in September, would reveal operating profits of not less than £80 million, compared with a restated £81.8 million for the corresponding period.

The only losers in the food sector were **United Biscuits**, down 5p at 387p, and **Unilever**, down 4p at £10.27.

The newcomer **Devro**, the



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Sales worries: John Maxwell, left, and Alan Turner, of BPB Industries

Scottish sausage skin maker, continued to make headway, adding 6p at 199p, up from an offer price in the first day of dealings on Wednesday of 170p.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the paper products group, fell 3p to 180p after another profits downgrading. BZW is reckoned to have cut its forecast for 1994 by £28 million to £140 million. Once again, depressed trading conditions in Europe are mainly to blame. Brokers, such as NatWest Securities seem resigned to the dividend also being cut this time round, unless earnings can be maintained. However, most observers take the view that this is unlikely and that "Cob" Stenham, the chairman, has an uphill struggle on his hand until conditions on the Continent improve.

Standard Chartered, the banking group, touched 793p before closing 10p better at 788p as its own stockbroker, Cazenove, decided to put its weight behind the shares.

Southern Electric jumped 10p to 482p on a rise in full-year pre-tax profits from £166.3 million to £187.3 million and an 18 per cent increase in the total dividend to 19.6p. The rest of the electricity companies were chased higher, with **Eastern** 10p better at 482p, **East Midland** 8p at 461p, **London** 8p at 466p, **Manweb** 3p at 533p, **Northern** 6p at 525p, **Norweb** 7p at 501p, **South Wales** 6p at 541p, **South West** 4p at 489p, and **Yorkshire** 5p at 520p.

BPB Industries lost 1p to 223p after a strong rally last year in pre-tax profits, which rose from £37.8 million to £57.5 million. The group, where Alan Turner is chairman and John Maxwell chief executive, gave a warning that sales volume levels posed the greatest uncertainty for the group in the short term, although the plasterboard market was more settled.

Invesco was steady at 137p with about 315,000 shares changing hands. The group is due to give a presentation to a number of institutions on Tuesday and is likely to be accompanied by several buy recommendations, including one by Warburg Securities.

Guinness edged up a further 4p to 475p on this week's news that Japan is thinking of dropping tariffs on whisky by as much as 50 per cent. Guinness is the world's biggest scotch whisky distiller, and Japan is a major market.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Early gains were wiped out after news of the cut in German interest rates was announced.

Much of the damage was concentrated on the futures market, where the September series of the **long gilt** finished seven ticks down at £107 5/32 after briefly touching £107 19/32. Turnover remained high, with a total of 47,000 contracts completed.

Prices at the longer end were worst hit by the realisation that there is scope for a cut in domestic interest rates, with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** a a tick higher at £108 23/32. Prices at the shorter end held up well with **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** ¼ firmer at £110 13/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

Policy Portfolio finds with-profits margin

By Carl Mortished

A USEFUL rule of thumb in the financial world is that where there is a margin, the gap will soon be filled by a market-maker.

Policy Portfolio, set up five years ago by Isaac Rubin to buy and sell with-profits endowment policies, has expanded on the back of strong growth in a market estimated to be worth some £500 million. In the year to March 31, Isaac Rubin and his son, Sammy Alexander, generated pre-tax profits of £817,000 for PP and this week Charterhouse is launching the company on the London Stock Exchange in a placing which puts a price of £10 million on the company.

The father and son team and their 12 staff buy policies from financial intermediaries as well as the public who have the choice of surrendering the policy to the life insurance company, generally at a substantial discount to the value of the funds invested, or selling it at a premium to a market-maker.

Sammy Alexander says the skill lies in pricing the policies, which all have different premiums, maturities and benefits. PP has developed a computer program to work out the likely maturity value which is then discounted to a present value on which PP's bid and offer prices are based. The policies are bought by individual investors, institutions and pension funds. Margins fell from 14 per cent to 10 per cent last year because more staff were taken on to handle expansion and increased competition. The market in surrendered endowment policies grew dramatically but the company says it does not depend on recession for growth.

PP is selling 3.6 million shares at 130p of which £2.9 million is being raised for the company to fund the purchase of a larger stock of policies. The balance is being raised by directors and existing shareholders. The historic price/earnings multiple is 13.3 times and the notional dividend yield at the placing price is 5.8 per cent.

PP has two competitors, Foster & Cranfield, the auctioneers, and Beale Dobie, part of Hambros, which both command a larger market share but the PP directors reckon they can continue to capture more of the business.

WALL STREET

Early setback for Dow

New York — Wall Street shares remained mixed at midday, with soft economic data leaving few pockets of strength, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.37 at 3509.71.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei closed up 334.61, or 1.71 per cent, at 19,924.61. Surges in non-bank issues and high-tech shares lifted the market, encouraging sentiment. Japan's election left many investors cautious.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares eased back from higher levels that greeted the Bundesbank interest rates cut. Profit-taking set in on the view that rates would not be cut again for a while. The Dax closed up 9 at 1,706.63. *(Reuter)*

	Jul 1 midday	Jun 30 close
AMP Inc	61	61
AMR Corp	63	63
Abbott Labs	25	25
Aetna Life	55	55
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	40	39
Albertson's	53	54
Alcan Alumnm	19	19
Alco Standard	48	48
Allied Signal	66	66
Alum Co of Am	70	70
Amax	23	23
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	33	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	53
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	31	32
Amer Genl Corp	31	31
Amer Home Pr	64	64
Amer Intl	129	129
Amer Stores	45	46
Amer T & T	62	63
Ameritech	80	80
Amoco	55	54
Anheuser-Busch	48	48
Apple Computer	39	39
Archer Daniels	23	23
Arkla	10	9
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	31	32
Asarco	19	19
Ashland Oil	25	25
Atl Richfield	116	116
Auto Data Pro	48	47
Avery Dennison	29	29
Avon Products	57	57
Baker Hughes	25	26
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	56	56
BankAmerica	45	45
Bank of NY	59	59
Bankers Tr NY	74	74
Barnett Banks	47	47
Bausch & Lomb	50	49
Baxter Intl	29	28
Becton Dickinsn	40	40
Bell Atlantic	58	59
BellSouth	55	55
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	37	37
Boise Cascade	23	23
Borden Inc	19	19
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	57
Browning Ferris	26	27
Burlingtn Nthn	53	53
CBS	233	234
CNA Financial	94	94
CPC Intl	41	41
CSX	72	71
Campbell Soup	38	39
Can Pacific	16	15
Cpd Cities ABC	519	513
Cptl Holdings	38	39
Carolina Pwr	33	32
Caterpillar	74	74
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	32	32
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	87	87
Chrysler	46	47
Chubb Corp	87	86
Cigna Corp	60	60
Citicorp	30	30
Clorox	52	52
Coastal Corp	26	26
Coca Cola	43	43
Colgate-Palmolive	57	58
Columbia Gas	24	25
Commonw Ed	27	28
Compaq Comp	49	49
Comp Ass Inr	29	29
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	52	52
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	50	50
Corning Inc	33	33
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	53	54
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	65	66
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	38	38
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	41	42
Dillard Dept St	38	39
Disney (Walt)	40	40
Dominion Res	44	44
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	47	46
Dow Chemicals	56	56
Dow Jones	27	27
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Brdstreet	58	58
Du Pont	47	46
Eastman Kodak	50	50
Eaton Corp	45	44

	Jul 1 midday	Jun 30 close
Emerson Elec	58	58
Engelhard Corp	37	37
Enron Corp	68	68
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	30	30
Exxon	65	66
FMC Corp	44	45
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	46	48
Fed Nat Mtge	82	82
First Chicago	41	41
First Interstate	62	62
First Union Rlty	10	9
Fleet Finl Grp	33	33
Fluor Corp	42	42
Ford Motor	51	52
GTE Corp	35	36
Gannett	49	49
Gap Inc Del	29	30
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	95	95
Gen Mills	68	68
Gen Motors	44	44
Gen Reinsurance	114	114
Gen Signal	65	65
Genuine Parts	35	34
Georgia Pac	59	58
Gillette	54	55
Glaxo ADR	16	16
Goodrich (BF)	42	42
Goodyear Tire	41	42
Grace (WR)	40	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32	31
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	37	38
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	78	77
Hershey Foods	47	47
Hewlett Packard	80	81
Hilton Hotels	46	46
Home Depot	43	43
Homestake Mng	19	18
Honeywell	37	37
Household Intl	69	69
Houston Inds	44	45
Humana	11	11
ITT Corp	85	85
Illinois Tool	37	37
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	33
Inland Steel	28	28
Intel Corp	54	55
IBM	49	49
Intl Flav & Fr	113	113
Intl Paper	63	64
James River Va	20	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40	41
K Mart	20	21
Kellogg	54	54
Kerr-McGee	49	50
Kimberly-Clark	49	49
Knight-Ridder	52	52
Lilly (Eli)	47	49
Limited Inc	21	21
LIN Brdcstng	99	99
Lincoln Nat	39	38
Litton	64	64
Liz Claiborne	31	31
Lockheed Corp	66	66
Louisiana Pac	32	31
MCI Commun	56	57
Marriott	25	25
Marsh & McLen	87	87
Masco Corp	29	30
May Dept St	38	38
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	45	46
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	74	74
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	44	44
Medtronic	67	67
Mellon Bk	55	56
Melville Corp	45	46
Merck Inc	34	35
Merrill Lynch	80	81
Minnesota Mine	107	108
Mobil Corp	74	74
Monsanto	59	59
Morgan (JP)	68	67
Motorola Inc	87	87
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	16	16
Natl Service Ind	25	25
Navistar Int C	25	25
NBD Bancorp	32	32
NY Times A	24	24
Newmont Mng	57	52
Niag Mohawk	24	24
Nike B	54	55
NL Industries	4	3
Nordstrom	27	28
Norfolk Sthrn	65	65
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	27	27
Nynex Corp	90	90
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	25	24
Oracle Systems	49	49

	Jul 1 midday	Jun 30 close
Oryx Energy Co	20	20
Owens Corning	41	41
PNC Financial	32	32
PPG Industries	67	65
Paccar Inc	60	61
PacifiCorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elec	33	33
Pac Telesis	49	48
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	25	24
Paramount Comm	54	54
Parker Hannifin	35	37
Penney (JC)	44	45
Pennzoil	62	62
Pepsico	36	36
Pfizer	65	67
Phelps Dodge	45	46
Philadel Elec	31	30
Philip Morris	49	49
Phillips Pet	28	28
Pitney Bowes	40	41
Polaroid	37	38
Price Co	33	34
Primerica	57	52
Procter & Gmbl	51	51
Pub Serv E & G	34	34
Quaker Oats	75	75
Ralston Purina	46	46
Raychem Corp	39	39
Raytheon	61	61
Reebok Intl	27	27
Reynolds Metals	47	47
Roadway Srvs	57	58
Rockwell Intl	37	31
Rohm & Haas	53	53
Royal Dutch	93	92
Rubbermaid	28	28
Safeco Corp	59	58
St Paul's Cos	80	79
Salomon Inc	38	37
Santa Fe S Pac	17	18
Sara Lee Corp	24	24
Scecorp	24	24
Schering Plough	68	69
Schlumberger	65	63
Scott Paper	33	33
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	55	54
Shell Trans	57	56
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	16	16
Snap-On-Tools	39	39
Southern Co	42	42
Sthwestern Bell	39	38
Sprint Corp	34	35
Stanley Works	39	40
Sun Company	28	27
Suntrust	46	47
Supervalu	37	33
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	62	61
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	32	30
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	21	21
Temple Inland	44	45
Tenneco	50	51
Texaco	63	63
Texas Inst	73	70
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	55	56
Time Warner	37	38
Times-Mirror	28	35
Timken	33	33
Torchmark	52	53
Toys R Us	36	36
Transamerica	52	53
Travelers Corp	31	32
Tribune	53	53
Tyco Labs	40	41
UAL Corp	123	123
UST Inc	29	27
USX Marathon	16	16
Unilever NV	105	105
Union Camp	42	42
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	61	61
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	16	16
USF&G Corp	18	18
US Life	41	41
US West	45	46
United Tech	53	54
Unocal Corp	29	29
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	46	46
WMX Tech	31	32
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	69	70
Wells Fargo	109	110
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	43	42
Whirlpool	56	56
Whitman	14	13
Winn Dixie	56	56
Woolworth	27	27
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33	33
Xerox	78	79

RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	132	+4	Drew Scientific (105)	129	-4
Anagen (100)	92	-3	Enviromed (110)	117	-1
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...	Fine Decor (210)	258	...
Baring Emrg Mkts ($10)	679	...	First Spanish Wrnts 1997	11½	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	35	...	Inveresk (150)	170	...
Carpetright (148)	166	...	Ivory & Sime ISIS Trust	99½	+1
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...	Metrotect Inds (108)	130	+2
China Inv Warrants	53	...	Nrthrn Ireland Elec (100)	132	...
Crabtree (150)	203	...	OGC (130)	119	-2
Creston Warrants	12	...	Phonelink (155)	225	-1
Devro International (170)	193	...	OGC (130)	119	-2

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

STORM GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax:£2.10m loss
LPS:2.8p (LPS 0.002p)
Div:No dividend
Loss last time was £848,000. No dividend last year. Interim results due in September should show profit.

PARTRIDGE FINE ARTS
Pre-tax:£1.04m
EPS:3.22p (2.94p)
Div:1.20p (1p)
Interim results. Last year's interim profit was £987,000. First-half trading difficult. Art market firmer.

UMECO (Fin)
Pre-tax:£211,000
EPS:2.27p (3.3p)
Div:1p, mkg 1.75p
Last time's profit £312,000. Last time's total dividend was 1.75p. Few signs of easing of recession. Acquisitions possible.

WB INDUSTRIES (Int)
Pre-tax:£657,000 loss
LPS:10.24p (138.89p)
Div:No dividend
Loss last time £1.01 million. No dividend last time. Shares remain suspended until 1992. Annual report published.

GRESHAM TELECOM (Int)
Pre-tax:£419,000
EPS:0.86p (0.57p)
Div:No dividend
Last time's profit £284,000. No dividend last time. R and D spend boosted to £629,000. Global market addressed.

COMPCO HLDS (Fin)
Pre-tax:£200,140
EPS:7.33p (5.33p)
Div:12.96p, mkg 12.96p
Last time's profit £171,257. Same dividend last year. Continuing decline in property values over last year.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:			
Standard Chart	788p (+10p)	ICI	648p (-8p)
Reckitt Colman	559p (+14p)	Transfer Tech	515p (-19p)
RMC Group	748p (+12p)	Wellcome	655p (-13p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	356p (+15p)	Eurocamp	203p (-28p)
Takeda Chem	816p (+13p)	Utd Newspapers	538p (-12p)
VSEL	810p (+15p)	Domino	428p (-11p)
Sema Group	323p (+15p)	J Sainsbury	479p (-9p)
Broken Hill	639p (+13p)	Bespak	487p (-30p)
Jardine Math	522p (+17p)	J Billam	260p (-19p)
FALLS:		Danka Bs Sys	885p (-10p)
Glaxo	553p (-10p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	1,600	MB Cardn	860	Scot Power	394
Abbey Natl	3,200	Carlton C	49	Marks Spr	1,000	Sears	1,600
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Coats Vyla	905	NFC	1,100	Svrn Trent	2,400
Anglian W	654	Cm Union	624	NatWst Bk	2,700	Shell Trans	4,200
Argyll Gp	1,400	Courtaulds	639	Nat Power	1,700	Siebe	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	De La Rue	159	Nth Wst W	990	SmKl Bch	2,100
AB Foods	642	Enterpr Oil	414	Nthrn Fds	672	Smith Nph	2,300
BAA	875	Forte	2,300	P & O	906	Std Chartd	895
BAT Inds	3,900	GRE	1,700	Pearson	487	Sun Allnce	738
BOC	490	GUS A	126	PowerGen	740	TI Gp	688
BP	9,900	Gen Acc	1,200	Prudential	3,300	TSB	2,400
BT	5,000	Gen Elec	6,400	RMC	428	Tate & Lyle	1,100
BTR	7,800	Glaxo	3,700	RTZ	2,900	Tesco	2,700
Bk of Scot	426	Granada	1,900	Rank Org	797	Thames W	935
Barclays	4,600	Grand Met	2,700	Reckitt Col	1,100	Thrn EMI	1,100
Bass	4,300	Guinness	11,000	Redland	10,000	Tomkins	5,900
Blue Circle	848	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	584	Unilever	730
Boots	1,900	Hanson	2,200	Rentokil	493	Utd Bisc	1,400
Bowater	738	ICI	2,500	Reuters	628	Vodafone	1,600
Brit Aero	704	Inchcape	701	Rothmans	370	Warburg (SG)	255
Brit Airwys	3,100	Kingfisher	732	Ryl Ins	1,700	Wellcome	1,200
Brit Gas	5,400	Ladbroke	5,500	Ryl Bk Scot	3,300	Whitbd 'A'	1,900
Brit Steel	9,600	Land Secs	350	Sainsbury	1,100	Wlms Hld	1,500
Burmah C	83	Legal & Gn	841	Scot Hydro	982	Wolseley	97
Cable Wire	1,200	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot & New	1,700	Zeneca	2,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3509.71 (-6.37)
S&P Composite .... 449.50 (-1.03)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19924.61 (+334.61)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7205.38 (+106.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 112.6 (+0.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1755.3 (+17.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1706.63 (+9.00)

FT 30 share: .... 2262.2 (-8.9)

Brussels:
General .... 6587.94 (+53.54)

Paris: CAC .... 541.72 (+3.30)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 532.60 (+1.80)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1428.93 (-3.38)
FT 500 .... 1542.67 (-4.24)
FT Gold Mines .... 209.4 (+0.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 115.42 (+0.18)
FT Govt Secs .... 97.43 (+0.21)
Bargains 30084
SEAQ Volume 651.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 139.85 (+0.14)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 28	July 9	September 30	October 11

Call options were taken out on 1/7/93: Avesco, Aitken Hume, Colorgen, Copymore, Euro Disney, Flextech, SR Gent, Lopex, P&P, Tadpole.
Puts: Aitken Hume, Glynwed, Lopex.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2918.0	2936.0	2901.0	2904.0	10453
Previous open interest: 45020	Dec 93	2945.5	2945.5	2928.0	2922.5	24
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.23	94.33	94.19	94.21	51646
Previous open interest: 301329	Dec 93	94.40	94.48	94.38	94.40	20917
	Mar 94	94.31	94.43	94.31	94.34	10008
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.57	96.58	96.57	96.60	208
Previous open interest: 12814	Dec 93	96.19	96.20	96.19	96.23	200
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.25	93.34	93.22	93.24	128956
Previous open interest: 596358	Dec 93	94.00	94.12	93.94	93.95	51426
Long Gilt	Sep 93	107-14	107-19	106-30	107-05	52988
Previous open interest: 81960	Dec 93				106-13	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.96	109.02	108.85	109.00	1715
	Dec 93				108.11	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	95.88	95.95	95.35	95.41	101353
Previous open interest: 165475	Dec 93	95.95	95.99	95.53	95.54	529
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.66	99.84	99.41	99.52	5740
Previous open interest: 20193	Dec 93				99.74	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.62	93.70	93.56	93.57	2824
Previous open interest: 26155	Dec 93	94.10	94.23	94.07	94.08	1972
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.52	95.65	95.51	95.57	9922
Previous open interest: 37019	Dec 93	95.76	95.84	95.75	95.77	3302
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	103.25	103.80	103.05	103.15	21900
Previous open interest: 51765	Dec 93	103.17	103.17	102.96	102.81	265

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.9 (day's range 80.5-80.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8496-2.8792	2.8757-2.8792	¼-⅛ds	¼-⅛ds
Brussels	52.25-52.76	52.70-52.76	3-6ds	9-14ds
Copenhagen	9.7620-9.8900	9.8500-9.8720	1¼-2¼ds	3¾-5¼ds
Dublin	1.0480-1.0505	1.0483-1.0502	4-8ds	6-13ds
Frankfurt	2.5434-2.5684	2.5661-2.5684	¾-1¼pr	⅛-1¼ds
Lisbon	242.05-245.44	244.82-245.44	114-125ds	331-360ds
Madrid	194.29-195.57	195.28-195.57	87-113ds	233-275ds
Milan	2302.70-2334.50	2329.80-2334.50	7-9ds	21-24ds
Montreal	1.9097-1.9459	1.9438-1.9459	0.29-0.18pr	0.53-0.33pr
New York	1.4900-1.5090	1.5080-1.5090	0.36-0.34pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.7440-10.8600	10.8160-10.8400	⅜-1ds	⅛-1¼ds
Paris	8.5600-8.6430	8.6250-8.6430	1-1½ds	2½-2¾ds
Stockholm	11.4930-11.6720	11.5730-11.5970	2-3¼ds	5¼-7ds
Tokyo	160.57-162.07	161.80-162.07	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.89-18.07	18.03-18.07	1-2¼ds	2¾-4¾ds
Zurich	2.2566-2.2854	2.2823-2.2854	⅜-⅛ds	⅞-1¼ds

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5030-1.5057
Australia dollar	2.2677-2.2705
Bahrain dinar	0.557-0.569
Brazil cruzeiro*	83905.2-83908.2
Cyprus pound	0.7465-0.7565
Finland marka	8.4595-8.5755
Greece drachma	343.75-350.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6760-11.6845
India rupee	46.35-47.31
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4455-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.8787-3.8820
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.7801-2.7856
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.537-5.663
Singapore dollar	2.4457-2.4489
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0882-7.1353
S Africa rand (com)	5.0465-5.0544
U A E dirham	5.423-5.547

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5060-1.5071
Austria	11.93-11.94
Belgium (Com)	34.80-34.82
Canada	1.2885-1.2890
Denmark	6.5275-6.5340
France	5.7285-5.7300
Germany	1.6925-1.6935
Hong Kong	7.7530-7.7550
Ireland	1.4384-1.4394
Italy	1537.0-1538.0
Japan	106.30-106.40
Malaysia	2.5755-2.5765
Netherlands	1.8985-1.8995
Norway	7.1525-7.1545
Portugal	161.35-161.50
Singapore	1.6240-1.6250
Spain	129.50-129.60
Sweden	7.6759-7.6859
Switzerland	1.5052-1.5057

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 · Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8½ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth: 5⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-5½	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝
Interbank	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5¼.

Local Authority Deps	5¾	n/a	5¾	5⅝	5⅝
Sterling CDs	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½
Dollar CDs	3.05-3.00	n/a	3.17-3.12	3.34-3.29	3.66-3.61
Building Society CDs	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jun 30, 1993. Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to Aug 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to Jun 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3⅛	3½-3¼	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	7¾-7⅝	7¾-7½	7½-7¼	7⅛-7	8¼-7¾
French Franc:	7¾-7⅝	7½-7¼	7⅛-6⅞	6¾-6½	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5¼-5⅛	5¼-4¾	5-4¾	4⅞-4⅝	5¼-4¾
Yen:	3¼-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3½-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $376.80-377.20 **Close:** $382.20-382.70 **High:** $382.70-383.20
Low: $376.40-376.90 **Krugerrand:** $381.50-383.50 (£252.50-254.50)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-93.00 (£57.75-59.75) **New** $90.00-93.00 (£57.75-59.75)
Platinum: $385.25 (£256.65) **Silver:** $4.70 (£3.12) **Palladium:** $140.00 (£93.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	44	58	67	2½	11	18
(*534)	550	9	28	38	20	31	41
Argyll	300	31	40	45	2	7	12
(*325)	330	9	21	28	11	18	25
ASDA	67	8½	11½	-	1½	4	-
(*71½)	76	3½	7	-	5	8	-
Boots	420	27	42	49	4	13	20
(*440)	460	4	21	28	24	33	40
Br Airways	287	28	39	44	3	9	15
(*308½)	316	8	22	26	14	21½	28
BP	300	14½	22½	29	6	13½	17½
(*306)	330	2½	9	16	25	31	33½
Br Steel	90	7½	11	14½	3½	7	8½
(*92½)	100	2½	5½	11	9½	14	14½
C & W	750	39	57	70½	9½	23	32½
(*780½)	800	9½	30	45	37	49½	59
CU	580	44	52½	-	4	16½	-
(*614)	629	10	25	-	24	42	-
ICI	657	14	28½	45½	21	42	48
(*646½)	681	6½	20½	36	38½	57½	63½
Kingfshr	584	24	41	-	7	22	-
(*598½)	632	4	19	-	37	49	-
Land Sec	550	51	62	67½	1½	6½	14
(*592)	600	9½	28½	33	14	24	33½
M & S	330	24	34	40	3	7	12
(*350)	360	5	16	23	15	21	25
Nat West	460	38½	48	58	3½	10½	17½
(*489½)	500	12½	23	35½	18½	30	38½
Sainsbury	460	31	45½	54	3½	11½	17
(*478½)	500	7	22½	32	21½	30	35½
Shell	600	34	46	56	3	14	21
(*627)	650	5½	17	30½	25	40	46
Smkl Bch	420	23½	38	48½	3	20	27½
(*430)	460	5½	19½	30	32	43	50
Storehse	200	9½	18	24	6	10	15
(*206)	220	3	9	15	19	24	27
Trafalgar	101	7½	14½	-	3	6½	-
(*105½)	110	4	9½	13½	7½	11½	15
Unilever	1000	44	74	99	7½	22	31½
(*1026½)	1050	13½	43½	61	30½	45½	56½
Zeneca	600	35½	49	63	5	24	31½
(*623)	650	7½	24	38	30	52	57

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	420	17	31½	42½	8	19	30½
(*429)	460	3	15	25	38	44	54
Ladbroke	180	12	19	27½	4	14	16½
(*189)	200	3½	12	18½	16	26	30
Utd Bisc	390	14	30½	39½	15	26	35½
(*387)	420	4	18	23½	36½	44½	54

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	41½	62	68	7	17½	24½
(*724)	750	12½	33	41½	30	38	48½
Thames W	460	26½	38	42	5½	16	19
(*475½)	500	6½	17	22	28	37	40½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	400	31½	38½	49½	5	16	20½
(*421½)	425	15	25	34½	14½	28½	32½
BTR	360	22½	29	35	4	11½	13
(*372)	390	5½	13	20½	19	27½	30
Br Aero	390	25	45½	59½	21	37	47½
(*390)	420	13	33	46	40	56	64½
Br Telcm	420	17	24½	29	8½	21½	27
(*425)	460	3	9½	14½	35½	48½	53
Cadbury	460	22	36	40½	9½	21½	25½
(*467½)	500	5½	18	27½	35½	44½	48
Guinness	460	31	46½	57½	8	19	24½
(*475)	500	10	26	36½	29	39½	45½
GEC	330	8	18	23	11½	17	20½
(*333½)	360	1½	7½	12	37½	38½	40½
Hanson	220	11½	16½	20½	4½	10	13½
(*225)	240	3	8	12	17	22	25½
LASMO	140	23½	30	35	2	7½	10½
(*159)	160	9	18	24	8½	16½	20
Lucas	130	14	19½	22	4½	11	15
(*139½)	140	7½	14	17	9	18	21
Pilkingtn	120	10	17½	19	3	6½	10½
(*127)	130	5	12	13½	7	12	16
Prudential	330	18	28½	35½	6	14½	18
(*340)	360	5	14	21½	23½	31½	34½
Redland	460	38	51	59	7	23	28½
(*482½)	500	13½	30	39	36½	43½	48½
Royal Ins	288	29	38	46½	3	9½	14
(*313)	317	9½	21½	28	14½	22½	27
Tesco	200	20	25	31	3	8½	10
(*215)	220	7½	15	21	11	17	21
Vodafone	420	38½	55½	63	6	16	21½
(*449)	460	14½	32½	41½	23	34	39½
Williams	300	28	34	40½	3½	11½	15
(*321½)	330	9	17½	25	16	27½	31

FT-SE INDEX (*2889½)	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jul	151	103	59	24	7½	2½
Aug	164	121	83	52	31	16
Sep	179	138	104	75	48	34
Oct	193	156	122	92	68	48
Dec	-	191	-	131	-	84
Puts						
Jul	3½	4	10	31	66	113
Aug	10	19	29	52	80	119
Sep	20	31	43	66	95	129
Oct	30	44	60	80	107	139
Dec	-	67	-	105	-	159

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	29½	43	50	10	15	21½
(*411)	420	13	26½	34	25	31	36
Amstrad	30	5½	7	8	2	2½	3½
(*33½)	35	3	4½	5½	4	5	6
Barclays	460	38	51½	59	12½	18	23½
(*486½)	500	16	30	37½	32½	39½	44
Blue Circ	240	22	25	33½	8	15	18½
(*249½)	260	11½	18	24	18	26	29
Br Gas	280	26	30½	33½	4½	10½	13
(*296½)	300	13	18	22½	12	20½	22½
Dixons	200	21	29	33	7½	13	16
(*214)	220	9½	18	23	18	23	27
Forte	220	20½	27½	33½	10½	17½	20
(*226½)	240	11	19	24	21½	29	32
Hillsdwn	130	19½	24½	27	4	8½	10½
(*144)	140	13½	18	22	8	13½	15
Lonrho	120	9½	16	18½	10	14½	17
(*128)	130	6	12½	15	17½	20½	23½
Sears	90	12	13½	15	2	3½	4½
(*99)	100	4½	8	10	5½	8	9
Thrn Emi	900	32½	50	60½	38½	46	56½
(*907½)	950	13	29½	39	74½	79	89
Tomkins	220	14½	22	27	9	14	17½
(*227½)	240	6	14	18	23	26	29½
TSB	180	20½	25½	29	5	8½	13
(*194)	200	8	14	18½	15	18½	23½
Wellcome	650	48	67½	82	28	46½	54
(*656)	700	25	45	57½	52	77	83½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	37	50½	64	23	41½	52½
(*553)	600	15	31	44½	55½	73	83
HSBC	650	47	68	85½	28	42	60
(*663½)	700	23½	45	62½	56½	69	87
Reuter	1350	88	130½	156½	38	66	97½
(*1392½)	1400	58½	103½	129	62	92	120

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	13	18	20½	8	14	15
(*144)	160	5	10½	12½	20½	26	27

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	22	30	33½	3	9	13½
(*177)	180	8	18½	23½	11	18½	23½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	25	34½	41½	9½	19	26
(*481½)	500	4½	18	23	38½	43½	48½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	360	23	34	39	9½	16	20
(*369)	390	9½	19½	25	26½	31	35½
Scot Pwr	310	16	21½	-	11	15	-
(*318)	330	5	12	16½	24½	27	30½

July 1, 1993 Tot: 24386 Call: 13988 Put: 10398 FT-SE Call: 2404 Put: 2236
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The precious metals started to move up once US trading started. However the move seemed to be related more to the cut in German interest rates than the story that a large quantity of of bullion could be bought once shares in Newmont Mining were sold. Silver again appeared to lead the move, with gold following, but both face stiff resistance above current levels.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Jul	728-726	Sep	767-765
Sep	721-720	Dec	782-780
Dec	721-720	Mar	805-803
Mar	731-730	May	816-811
May	741-740		
Jul	755-752		Volume: 13953

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	985 BID	Mar	914-912
Sep	915-913	May	921-917
Nov	914-913	Jul	929-912
Jan	914-912		Volume: 3039

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	268.5-67.5
Spot: 275.5		May	272.0-70.0
Aug	277.4-75.0	Aug	276.0-72.5
Oct	267.9-66.5	Oct	270.0-62.5
Dec	268.5-67.1		Volume: 355

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average latstock prices at representative markets on July 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.71	107.60	142.27
(+/-)	-0.84	-9.15	-1.96
Eng/Wales:	85.64	107.36	141.48
(+/-)	-0.90	-9.20	-1.94
(%)	-0.5	+9.8	+11.0
Scotland:	94.24	111.46	147.06
(+/-)	-5.04	-8.79	-1.45
(%)	-11.9	+33.5	-14.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	unq	unq	Sep	unq	unq
Aug	unq	unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.10
Nov	107.65
Jan	110.25
Mar	112.35
May	114.65
Volume:	125

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.25
Nov	107.20
Jan	109.90
Mar	111.35
May	112.65
Volume:	6

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	157.00
Oct	157.00
Dec	159.30
Feb	159.00
Apr	160.00
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	55.0
Apr	88.0	89.3
May	95.0	96.5
	Volume:	90

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Aug 58.25-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): News that the US would not object to oil sales by Iraq caused prices to stage a major downward correction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.05	-0.40
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.05	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.20	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.50	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.75	-0.50

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	199 (-1)	200 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	164 (-1)	165 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (-1)	166 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	165 (-3)	166 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	58 (-1)	60 (-1)
Naphtha	168 (-2)	169 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jul	162.75-63.00	Oct	167.50-67.75
Aug	163.00-63.25	Nov	169.75-70.00
Sep	164.50-64.75	Dec	172.00-72.25
			Vol: 15581

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.18-17.19	Nov	17.77-17.80
Sep	17.38-17.40	Dec	17.90 BID
Oct	17.59 BID		Vol: 32657

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	186.50-89.50	Oct	n/a
Aug	186.00-89.00	Nov	n/a
Sep	191.00 SLR		Vol: 68

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1305	1299	1301
Aug 93	1280	1275	1273
Sep 93	1310	1310	1310
Oct 93	1375	1370	1370

Vol: 85 lots. Open Int'st: 3291 Index 1458 -15

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1916.0-1917.0	1919.0-1920.0	2399600
Lead (£/tonne)	390.00-390.50	404.00-404.50	112375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	917.50-918.00	935.50-936.00	240225
Tin ($/tonne)	5070.0-5075.0	5120.0-5125.0	13880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1229.0-1229.5	1251.5-1252.0	1311400
Nickel ($/tonne)	5315.0-5320.0	5360.0-5370.0	11440

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Japan shows its vulnerability to cheap imported computers

Joanna Pitman reports how foreign firms are undercutting NEC, Tokyo's personal computer giant, in its home territory

Even in recession-plagued Japan, 128,000 yen (about £900) does not go very far. It will buy perhaps three nights in a first class Tokyo hotel, or two rounds of golf at a good golf club, or maybe a couple of evenings out on the town in exclusive Ginza night clubs. Alternatively, it will buy a revolution in Japanese industry.

The Y128,000 price tag is what Compaq Computer Corporation, the Houston manufacturer, began charging the Japanese for its desktop personal computer (PC) late last year. By British or American standards, Y128,000 is not a bad price. But for the Japanese, it is astonishing. This foreign-made PC, compatible in terms of quality and function, has been on sale in Japan's notoriously impenetrable home market for half the price of a similar model sold by NEC, the giant of Japanese PC manufacturing.

NEC, which commands over half the total Japanese PC market, has been shocked that its near monopolies on pricing and standards have been violated. Initially, the company dismissed the products of its American rival as mere gimmicks, "of low quality and low price", according to Tadahiro Sekimoto, NEC president. But realising that Japan's consumers would not be fooled for long, NEC has now been forced to sacrifice its image of invincibility and produce a new low-cost line of personal computers.

For the first time in the history of the Japanese computer industry, a price war has broken out in the domestic market. More overseas rivals, heartened by Compaq's success, have launched their own low-price assaults on the Japanese domestic market — and with considerable success. IBM, Microsoft, Digital Equipment, Apple and Dell Computers — all of them veterans of price wars on home grounds — have introduced low-price models and announced plans to capture new slabs of the Japanese markets. Foreign makers now account for close to 20 per cent of the market, up from an estimated 6.8 per cent in 1992.

Two changes, both of them irreversible, account for the foreign manufacturers' current success in penetrating the Japanese market. First, NEC's linguistic defence of its home turf has collapsed. Thanks to the complicated written script of the Japanese language, which uses Chinese characters as well as two other phonetic alphabets, NEC believed that foreign competitors would never venture into the Japanese PC markets. But, in 1990, Microsoft adapted the new, more powerful computer chips available to produce an operating system that could manage Japanese and English.

Second, NEC's ability to set software standards has been undermined by an IBM challenge. The Japanese subsidiary of IBM has signed up 25 computer manufacturers, including Fujitsu, to share a multilingual system enabling Japanese consumers to buy software that is popular in Europe and the US. While NEC's standard is still proprietary with 15,000 programs, the alternative IBM compatible standard represents a serious assault on NEC's dominance and its current library of 2,000 programs is set to grow rapidly as English language software programs are translated.



On top: but NEC's dominant market position is under attack

NEC's strategic shift, apparently forced upon it by the "foreign intruders", to offer its customers a new line of cheap PCs is indicative of the company's defensive position at a time when the slowdown in the Japanese economy and recessions in its overseas markets have damaged its performance. Steven Myers, the computer industry analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities in Tokyo, said: "NEC was expecting worldwide sales of Y3.8 trillion for fiscal 1992. In the event the figure achieved was Y3.51 trillion and a large proportion of that Y300 billion shortfall was in Japan, possibly in the PC market." In 1992, the PC business supplied 22 per cent of sales and 46 per cent of profits, according to Peter Wolff, Kidder Peabody International's Asian computer industry analyst.

NEC, ranked third among Japan's big six electronic firms, with a market capitalisation of US$26.6 billion, recently announced losses of Y38 billion, reflecting the decline of the past two years of sales in all of its divisions — computers, semi-conductors, telecommunications and home electronics. NEC's first net losses mark a dramatic comedown from its peak performance year of 1989 when it made profits of just under US$800 million.

Mr Myers believes, however, that NEC has reacted fast enough, offering its Japanese consumers their first internationally competitive prices at home, to allow it to maintain its dominant position in a Japanese market that is poised for a period of explosive growth. "NEC hit back quickly and with its boxing gloves on. Its new lines have certainly stimulated unit growth," he said. NEC claims that it was planning such a move all along anyway. "We cannot deny that we were influenced by the move of American makers, but lowering prices and improving functions are the things we are always working on," NEC said.

In spite of a revolutionary and potentially threatening change in the structure of its home market, NEC still has plenty of excuses for remaining unruffled. If its linguistic and standard setting defences have tumbled, NEC can still shelter behind a complicated, multi-layered and expensive domestic distribution system that is heavily geared to favour indigenous producers. NEC has strong ties with retailers across the country and has its stock prominently displayed in at least 10,000 outlets. Its new foreign rivals have no such direct marketing muscle in Japan, but they are planning to continue their assault by introducing US marketing techniques. Compaq plans eventually to bypass wholesalers and deal directly with retailers. Dell cuts out wholesaler and retailer altogether and sells direct to the customer through telephone sales staff.

Analysts believe that in the longer term, however, it would be unwise for foreign firms to assume the power of the Japanese challenge is fading. NEC, as the dominant Japanese manufacturer, stands to gain most from an enormous growth in the market. PC use in Japanese offices today is half that of Europe and a quarter that of the US. Over the next five years, the number of PCs sold in Japan is expected to rise 10 per cent a year.

Sales growth will not only be in computers for office use. As part of a US$116.8 billion fiscal stimulus package, the government is allocating roughly $20 billion to what it calls "social infrastructure spending", by which it means equipping schools, universities, hospitals, museums and other public institutions with much higher levels of technology. The package includes the purchase of 300,000 PCs for schools and universities. NEC plans to provide 60 per cent of them. It also expects to clean up on related sales to the hundreds of thousands of "Kyoiku mammas" who are devoted to ensuring the maximum chances for their children to excel in school and who will wish to continue with PC tutorage after school.

NEC derives further cause for cautious optimism from what it believes to be an instinct ingrained in the Japanese consumer which gives rise to suspicion over the quality of cheap imports. NEC's rush of advertising campaigns this year has done its best to persuade its customers that "foreign and cheap" equals "nasty".

Mr Myers said: "There is always a section of any population that is trendy. In Japan, it is these people who are the ones experimenting with new foreign software and buying the lower-priced American PCs. But most people are worried about service and support because there are few local dealers. Even in this recession, price is not necessarily the top priority of the average Japanese consumer." NEC can only hope that the penetration secured by foreign manufacturers in Japan will not expand along the same lines as that of Japan's car manufacturers edging their way into the US market. Not long ago, American car manufacturers were confident that the lack of local dealers and support networks meant that American consumers would never buy Japanese cars. They were wrong.

TEMPUS

Over-rated

THE Bundesbank tied itself in knots trying to find some economic justification for the half-point cut in the German discount rate, but none of its reasoning rang true. German inflation is still running at 4.1 per cent, more than twice the central bank's medium-term target. Meanwhile, yesterday's optimistic industrial output figures, which showed an unexpected 1.2 per cent rise in May, suggest the German economy may have already begun to recover, and the last thing it needs is further monetary stimuli.

Consequently, it is hard not to conclude that the council bowed to intolerable political and international pressure, with even President Clinton joining the fray on Wednesday.

By cutting rates yesterday, the Bundesbank has at least gained a tactical advantage. The bank has drawn the sting from any criticism it might receive at the G7 summit next Wednesday. If it had cut rates after a bout of sandbagging in Tokyo, it would have looked an even greater victim of political influence. If the Bundesbank had decided it needed to reduce rates before its August holiday, it was best to announce it as soon as possible to prevent the mark and bunds being buffeted by another four weeks of speculation.

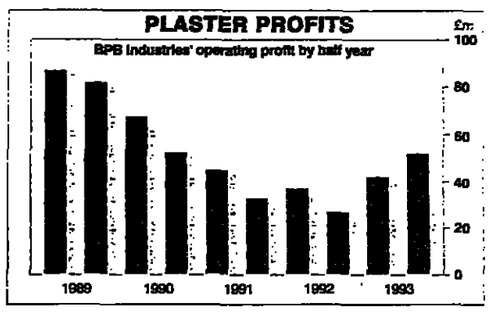
The bandwagon of competitive European rate cuts looks likely to roll along well into next year, which should continue to boost bonds, including gilts. Sterling's rise against the mark to more than DM2.56 looks strong enough to threaten the pace of recovery, and Kenneth Clarke cannot afford that risk, whatever his reservations about another base rate cut. Discussions on the subject should focus on timing, rather than likelihood.

BPB Industries

BPB has come through the recession in better shape than most building material companies, but it is questionable whether the company can ever live up to the enormous faith the City has placed in it. A mixture of price increases, cost reductions and currency gains helped the company reverse the decline in its profits last year, but a share price of 223p now values the group at 16 times the most optimistic forecasts of earnings for 1995, a rating that looks wildly overheated.

Bulls of BPB may argue it deserves such a rating due to the continuing growth in the plasterboard market. But growth markets do not produce guaranteed profits. There is every chance that the price war in plaster board will recommence as soon as any of Europe's three large manufacturers feel sufficiently revitalised to grab market share off their competitors. The halcyon days of the late eighties when BPB, Lafarge and Knauf operated in separate near-monopolies will never return.

BPB says it will continue raising prices in Britain and Europe this year, since in real terms they are still 30 per cent lower than in 1990. But this seems to ignore the reality of recession in France, the group's largest market and the inevitable slowdown in Germany's construction industry. The restoration of BPB's margins and profits may take considerably longer than the company or its shareholders assume.



Research

COMPANIES which have been stung by acerbic brokers' sell notes in recent months will be depressed by the latest Extel Financial Survey of Investment Analysts, which concludes that the quality of research has improved since last year.

Analysts who used to churn out research at the drop of a hat are learning that quantity does not equal quality in the eyes of clients and have scaled back their output accordingly.

What fund managers want is a return to in-depth research which can fundamentally change their attitudes to a particular company, rather than research designed for short-term trades.

Broking analysts cannot afford to ignore the trend. They are not only competing with each other, but with the growing number of in-house institutional research teams. Fund managers feel safer using their own independent teams, with no risk of unseen conflicts of interest.

When fund managers do look to external brokers, they increasingly go to one of the top five rated analysts. While this elite will flourish, the future for the also-rans looks precarious. The shake-out in the City's research battalions will continue.

Share settlement

FOR the unfortunates who had to puzzle over years of confused and conflicting plans for Taurus before it was scrapped, yesterday's report from the task force on securities settlement was a breath of fresh air. Pen Kent and his colleagues have finally put the horse before the cart and realised that the greatest anachronism of the London Stock Exchange is not its continuing love affair with paper slips, but its bizarre adherence to two-week settlement accounts. The speed with which the task force wants to introduce five-day rolling settlement is an indication of how out of touch the London equity market is compared with its continental competitors.

The task force's proposals for Crest, the voluntary paperless trading system, are typical of the Bank of England's pragmatic approach to the free market. The Bank would naturally like the system to be managed commercially but is prepared to act as developer of last resort.

Crest has to clear many hurdles before it becomes reality. But it could eventually brush the stock exchange's image white. So it is appropriate that it is named after a toothpaste.

Southern Electric

THE succession of bumper dividend increases from the regional electricity companies is beginning to look more like an arms race than mere war. The remaining distributors will need to struggle to beat yesterday's 18 per cent hike in Southern Electric's payout.

Southern has been forced to reduce its dividend cover, but only by 0.1 times to 2.8, still more than comfortable when gearing is less than 18 per cent. The financial argument may be robust, but the RECs may eventually regret such generosity, since the regulator, Offer, can hardly be smiling on it.

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From Big Bang to Brunswick

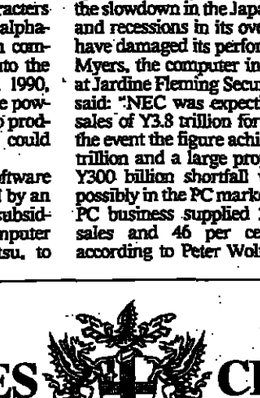
THE Stock Exchange, already meeting some difficulty in persuading any of the City's more energetic and youthful go-getters to join it as its new chief executive, has begun to search for the person who can best help the exchange restore its credibility in the wake of the spectacular demise of the Taurus paperless trading system. Gill Ackers, the chief press officer, has been lured to Brunswick, the financial PR company, as an associate partner, after 12 years at the exchange. Ackers, who says she had the most fun steering the exchange through the turbulence of Big Bang, leaves on August 6 for a month-long holiday. She cannot say who her clients will be until September. "I still need to work out with them what I will be doing, but as long as I can learn some new skills I will be happy," she says. The exchange has not yet found a replacement, and few in the Square Mile think it will have much chance until the new chief executive is found. And that, I am told, is unlikely to be before late autumn. Ackers, meanwhile, is looking forward to "many big bashes" to celebrate her new job.

Integrity the key

PEGGY Czyzak-Dannenbaum, honoured with the London Business School's alumni achievement award, has revealed her recipe for success. The founder and managing director of La Fornaia, a bakery company that is one of the UK's fastest-growing businesses, says she will only hire people who are enthusiastic and possess good judgment. But "integrity heads the list", according to Czysak-Dannenbaum, a former classmate of Hillary Rodham Clinton and the wife of Karl Dannenbaum, an executive director of Goldman Sachs, who convinced her to get a degree in business administration. "Integrity is like virginity," she says. "You lose it once. But unlike virginity, there's no good time to lose it."

Full house

PANMURE Gordon is expanding so fast that it cannot find desks for all its recruits. The latest two, Eurobond salesmen from NCL Investments, the private client broker, will have no place to sit until September, when Panmure moves from its small Moorgate headquarters to New Broad Street. Until then, Mark Stephenson, 32, and Hamish Forbes, 28, will be on an extended holiday. "The last two we recruited, from Nomura, took the last two seats. But there will be plenty more room for expansion now," says Kevin Ryan, an insurance analyst who doubles as a press spokesman. NCL, which avoids poaching staff from rival firms because it lacks style, has replaced the two internally with Anthony Hellman and Carol Frank. "We're always sorry to lose young people, but we have a large fixed-interest team and we're confident this will not result in any decrease of the service we provide to our clients," Chris Lyttelton, the NCL chairman, says.


Clinton: schoolmate

Flying the flag

SOME things never change. British gold dealers are thanking their lucky stars that the quaint use of the Union Jack at the twice daily London gold-fixing, held at the hallowed halls of Rothschilds, is to be maintained, despite an American invasion. The cry "the Yanks are coming" went up this week when Republic National Bank of New York said it was negotiating to buy out Mase Westpac, through which RNB secures one of the five exclusive seats at the London gold-fixing and where, since October 12, 1919, the five bullion house representatives lower a hand-held Union Jack to signify that they have "fixed" a gold price. Mase Westpac, the London-registered subsidiary of Australia's Westpac group, has been at the fix since 1986, and never used the Australian flag, nor burst into Australian song. Nor will the Americans, a golden voice assures me.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

The case for VAT on new houses

From Mr Peter Sozou

Sir, With the government urgently seeking to reduce the budget deficit, the time may be right to consider levying VAT on sales of new houses.

Of course, sudden changes to housing taxation can cause problems, as was seen in the run-up to the abolition of multiple mortgage interest tax relief in 1988. For the introduction of VAT on new houses to be a successful policy, it would need to be phased in over several years with small weekly or monthly increments. In this way there would be no specific deadline for house buyers to meet, but instead a continuous incentive to complete transactions sooner rather than later. This would give the housing market not a kick-start, but instead a more orderly push-start.

The long-term effect would be an increase in the price of new houses, with the knock-on effect of an increase in second-hand house prices. While such increases are not unequivocally a good thing, they would certainly bring welcome relief to the large numbers of people who are suffering the effects of negative equity.

Bringing VAT on new houses up to the standard rate would, by the end of the phasing-in period, raise more than £1 billion per year for the exchequer. But unlike other taxes, where the government's income represents a direct monetary loss to the taxpayer, house buyers would be largely compensated for having to pay VAT by the increased asset value of their homes.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SOZOU,
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Malet Street,
WC1.

Family's role in running Greenall Whitley

From Mr E. J. Whitley

Sir, Martin Waller's profile of Peter Greenall (June 26) contains the most derogatory inaccuracy, which both Peter Greenall and I are anxious to correct. Waller states: "Mr Greenall has presided over the departure of the Whitley clan, whose family association dated back 120 years, but whose input more recently could best be described as minimal."

My family association actually dates back 200 years, but, leaving aside the first 150 years of this history, my grandfather was an executive director of Greenall Whitley and managed the Wem brewery all his working life, and my father, Edward Whitley, was an executive director of Greenall Whitley all his working life until retiring in 1989. My father not only ran the Wem brewery, but was latterly chairman of the newly acquired Davenports Brewery in Birmingham. At one stage in the 1980s, he was running two of the company's four breweries.

When Greenall Whitley decided to close the breweries in 1989, my father decided to retire because his expertise was in brewing rather than retailing and my family sold their shares to the Greenalls.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD JOHN WHITLEY,
58 Sutherland Place,
W2.

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The collieries for which offers are invited are Vane Tempest, Seaham, County Durham; Westoe, South Shields, Tyne and Wear; Grimethorpe-Houghton Main, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, and Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Expressions of interest must be received by July 16, 1993, either in writing to:

British Coal Corporation,
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Eastwood Hall, Eastwood,
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and subsequently confirmed in writing.

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British COAL

Early advances wiped out

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 21. Dealings end today. §Contango day Monday 5. Settlement day July 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	348	Abbey Nat	411	+1½	11.5	3.5	15.8
263	179	Allied Irish	261	+3	...	4.3	13.1
176	130	Aus New Z	169	+6	...	5.3	...
3906½	2712½	Bankamerica	3025 †	+68½	...	...	...
253	188	Bk of Ireland	253	+3	...	5.0	17.2
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
156	116½	Bank Scotland	155	+1	4.5	3.7	30.9
489	362	Barclays	487	+4	...	3.0	...
3½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	18	-1	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	475 †	-2	27.0	7.1	∞
130	85	Cattles	129	...	...	4.1	17.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2150 †	+25	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	2012½	+37½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	342	...	...	3.5	15.2
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£117	-50	...	3.4	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£270½	+21½	...	2.4	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	74	-1	...	...	...
1443	876	Fuji Bank Y	1376	...	...	0.4	∞
405	342	Gerrard Nat	415 †	-4	21.5	6.5	11.0
671½	490	HSBC	662	-5	19.0	3.6	15.8
651	474	HSBC HK	641	-3	19.0	3.7	15.3
356	243	Hambros	334 †	-1	14.0	5.2	15.4
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	135	...	9.0	8.3	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	403	...	16.0	5.0	14.0
584	492	Lloyds	579	-1	18.4	4.0	16.6
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	82 †	...	3.0	4.6	16.3
451½	322	Nat Aust Bk	450 †	+10	...	4.5	15.6
493	398	Nat West	490	-1	17.5	4.5	29.8
397	270	Provident	371	-8	11.4	3.8	16.1
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	282	-1	8.5	3.9	...
987½	467½	Schroders	953	...	...	1.4	19.0
797	576	Stand Chart	788	+10	20.0	3.2	...
178	145½	TSB	174	-1	6.4	4.2	...
150	78	Union Disc	143	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	727 †	-2	...	3.3	18.3
255	185	-do- 6% 'A'	252	...	...	3.0	...
7850	4847½	Wells Fargo	7381½	-106½	...	1.4	...
172	121	Westpac	168 †	-4	...	4.5	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	535	-2	...	4.9	14.5
647	444	Bass	488	-1	18.9	4.8	10.6
290	199	Boddington	283	-1	7.3	3.2	16.5
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	388	+5	9.0	2.9	17.9
150	129	Burtonwd Brw	141	...	4.4	3.9	10.3
372	261	Devenish (JA)	366 †	...	7.8	2.7	20.6
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'	100	-1	...	4.1	26.1
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	51½	+1	...	5.3	7.1
395	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	394	...	6.7	2.1	16.5
480	383	Grand Met	430	+2	12.3	3.6	14.0
427	354	Greenalls Grp	360	+2	11.7	4.1	11.9
563	505	Greene King	523	+6	11.6	2.8	13.6
516	440	Guinness	476	+5	...	3.1	16.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	269	...	7.9	3.7	14.8
125	105	Heavitree	105	...	3.0	3.7	25.0
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	82	...	3.0	4.7	19.5
342	255	Highland Dist	341	+3	6.0	2.3	22.7
3125	2538	Holt J	3075	...	41.0	1.7	20.0
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
333	250	Invrgordn Dist	278	...	7.0	3.1	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	169	-1	0.9	0.7	37.9
405	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	383 †	...	...	2.9	18.3
855	685	Mansfield	819	...	15.4	2.4	∞
273	231	Mrston Thmp	272	+1	5.4	2.5	∞
430	328½	Matthew Clark	410 †	+5	...	5.2	∞
300	253	Mrrydwn W	288	-5	...	2.7	20.8
545	455	Morland	543 †	...	8.4	1.9	21.6
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	163	...	...	3.5	16.3
950	753	SA Breweries	876	+10	...	3.1	14.5
482½	408	Scot & New	461	-2	16.1	4.4	12.6
223	181	Taunton Cider	216	...	...	2.7	20.2
248	213	Vaux Group	235	+5	9.3	5.0	16.2
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	290	-1	...	2.1	23.4
512	433	Whitbread 'A'	507 †	-1	...	4.4	12.7
1180	550	-do- 'B'	995 †	-3	...	2.2	25.0
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	503	...	11.4	2.8	14.1
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	105	...	...	1.3	37.9
27	13	Albrighton	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	123	...	...	5.2	∞
99	65	Amec	94	+4	3.0	4.0	17.4
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	108	Atwoods	117 †	...	5.0	5.3	16.9
240	180	BPB Ind	222	-1	...	4.3	12.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	77 †	...	3.1	5.1	25.9
31	19	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	95 †	...	1.2	1.6	17.2
158	94	Barratt Devs	157	...	2.0	1.6	17.5
412	305	Bellway	403	-1	...	3.7	23.3
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	396	-1	6.0	1.9	∞
83	45	Best Bros	83 †	...	...	0.6	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	59	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
265	189	Blue Circle	250	-2	...	5.6	...
295	230	Boot (Henry)	278	...	5.9	2.7	15.6
106	78	Breedon PLC	90	...	4.6	6.4	21.8
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	136½	...	4.8	4.4	29.2
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
294	205	CRH	278	...	...	3.3	17.7
43	22	Cakebread Rby	31	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	43	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	136	...	...	3.8	35.5
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	-3	0.0	...	...
94	38	Cussins	86	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19½	...	0.5	3.2	...
300	178	Epwin	258	...	6.8	3.3	21.8
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.1	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	54	...	2.0	4.6	25.3
6½	3½	Expamet	3½	-½	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
38	38	Galliford	38	...	4.3	...	15.3
73	53	Gibbs & Dandy	55	...	...	...	...
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	120	...	...	3.4	27.3
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	1.2	3.5	∞
293	186	Heywd Wlm	293	+1	12.5	5.3	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	91	+4	2.5	3.4	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	+1	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	267	...	9.0	4.2	10.7
83	55	Ln Clydeside	75 †	...	4.5	7.5	28.2
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21	...	...	...	9.5
320	240	Manders	319	...	9.0	3.5	19.5
143	93	Marley	140	...	4.2	3.8	41.1
95	61	Marshalls	89	-2	4.0	5.8	∞
175	122	Maunders (J)	168	...	4.9	3.7	15.4
214	96	McAlpine (A)	202	...	6.5	4.0	35.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	33	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	351 †	...	...	3.6	35.1
4	4	Miskin Gp	4 #	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	111	...	4.0	4.5	...
86	51	NSM	80	+1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	150	-1	...	0.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	268	...	8.6	4.0	27.3
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1412½	...	29.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	125	...	3.4	3.4	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti	4	...	...	...	...
780	553	RMC Gp	748	-12	...	3.3	29.4
117	86	Raine Ind	86	-1	6.0	8.7	14.4
36	20	Rasmus	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	483	+7	25.0	6.5	28.1
81	64	Roskel	78	...	4.3	6.9	11.5
296	201	Rugby Group	270	...	6.4	3.0	20.7
42	23	Svrlld-Rve	42	...	...	...	...
113	88	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
177	86½	Sheffield Insl	175 †	-1	...	3.9	42.9
120	82	Sherif Hldgs	120	...	...	2.1	17.7
95	66	Shorco	73	...	...	8.9	16.6
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	2½	Starmin	2½	...	0.3	13.0	∞
142	103	Tarmac	137	-3	5.5	5.0	...
194	137	Tay Homes	177	...	5.8	4.1	11.3
118	83	Taylor Woodrw	104	-2	1.0	1.2	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	615	...	33.0	6.7	∞
39	19	Torex Hire	34	...	...	1.5	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	244	+4	8.0	4.1	43.0
40	30	Try Group	35	...	1.0	3.6	9.9
28	26	Tudor	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	66	...	2.5	4.8	∞
65	20	Ward Hldgs	59	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	+3	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Westcol	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	134 †	...	5.0	4.7	20.9
12	4½	West Scaffold	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	414	-3	8.7	2.6	28.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	175	-4	3.9	2.8	30.3
187	104	Wimpey G	164 †	-1	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	37	...	4.0	...	4.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	...	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	66	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	173	...	...	3.8	31.0
118	84	BET Ord	115½	+½	...	3.5	4.6
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	293	+3	8.0	3.4	16.2
285	233	Barbour Index	233	-2	7.2	3.9	17.3
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
257	184	Brit Data Mgt	251	...	...	2.0	20.9
21	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
106	86	CRT Gp	103	+1	2.4	2.9	11.8
178	139½	Capita Group	175	...	...	1.5	27.3
45	31	Caskel Plc	44	...	...	2.3	16.7
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	+5	...	...	...
320	228	Chubb Sec	318 †	...	...	1.9	21.2
96	18	Comace	83	+3	...	2.3	20.7
30	6½	Corp Services	26	+1	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	89	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	198	Davis Service	228	...	...	4.4	17.2
104	85	EW Fact	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	24½	...	0.6	3.4	17.0
52	31	Gardner (DC)	45	...	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	239	+5	4.6	2.4	23.5
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	214	-3	6.6	3.9	∞
70	43	Holmes Protectn	43	...	...	...	2.8
189	127	Hutch Whamp	186	+8	...	2.5	∞
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1975	...	...	5.7	2.5
637	532	Inchcape	580	-2	...	3.0	20.1
863	669	Johnson Clean	839	...	25.7	3.8	∞
12	2½	Lep	9	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	235	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
1187	803	Manpower	996	...	...	...	...
50	40½	Michael Page	50	...	1.8	4.5	21.2
279	193	Pennna	193 †	-1	...	6.5	7.2
4½	2	Prime People	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	95	-4	...	15.8	5.3
423	365	RCO	365	...	12.8	4.8	12.3
118	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec	131	...	...	4.3	13.2
238	178	Rentokil	206	+2	2.3	1.4	25.7
282	240	Rolfe & Nolan	277 †	...	...	3.2	15.6
399	342	Salvesen (C)	361	...	...	2.7	19.6
35	29	Scott Pickford	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
316	164	Securiguard	315	...	9.4	3.8	16.4
6½	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	945	...	14.0	1.9	26.1
352	235	Sherwd Cmpt	236	...	...	3.7	∞
130	90	Sketchley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	317	...	6.5	2.6	16.5
45	27	Welpac	36	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	21½	...	...	0.6	29.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	235½	+½	...	2.3	20.1
799	613	Amersham	796 †	-2	13.5	2.1	∞
7	3	Anglo Utd	3	...	...	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9300	...	...	7.5	...
283	199	BTP	279	-1	9.3	4.3	∞
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£107½	+34½	...	5.3	...
178	134	Blagden	163	...	9.5	7.3	17.6
165	93	Brent Chems	104	...	...	8.9	9.5
530	368	Br Bio-Tech	375	+5	...	...	...
29	14½	Catrd Gp	15	...	...	11.1	41.7
153	126	Canning (W)	133	-2	7.2	6.9	15.3
608	504	Courtaulds	536 †	-5½	...	3.1	14.8
291	228	Croda	291	...	...	3.3	19.0
149	121	Doeflex	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
219	173	Ellis & Everard	219	+3	7.0	4.0	20.0
33½	15½	Euro Colour	31½	...	0.8	3.2	19.3
299	259	Halstead (J)	299	...	...	2.5	15.0
241	194	Hickson	214	...	...	4.7	19.8
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£101	-6½	...	3.7	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	215	...	...	2.2	19.8
710	608	ICI	648	-8	...	5.3	...
688	581	Laporte	623	+5	19.5	3.9	17.2
223	181	Leigh	199	-1	7.8	5.1	∞
97½	39	MTM	52	-1	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1650	...	...	1.7	23.4
450	370	Paterson Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.3	19.5
400	360	-do- 'A'	396	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	239½	Plysu	231 †	...	...	3.8	15.1
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13½	7½	Suncliffe Speak	12	-½	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	4.7	17.3
490	395	Wlsnhlme R	473	+3	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	355	Yorks Chem	382	+1	...	2.6	19.4
306	240	Yule Catto	259	-4	5.9	2.8	15.8
637	609	Zeneca	634	-1	...	5.5	36.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	61	Alexon	73	-1	...	5.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	64	...	3.1	6.1	17.5
326½	257	Argos Plc	309	-1	...	2.8	26.4
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	111 †	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	288	...	...	2.1	23.4
134	94	Austin Reed	125	-4	...	2.5	...
157	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	...	5.2	14.4
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
276	208	Betterware	254 †	+4	...	1.0	30.4
35	22	Blacks Leis	34	...	2.2	8.7	∞
227	170	Body Shop	192 †	+4	...	1.1	24.8
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	13½	...	...	0.8	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	386 †	...	...	2.3	22.7
87½	64½	Burton	80½	...	...	2.9	...
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
360	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
248	212	Coats Viyella	241	-2	...	3.8	28.4
106	78	Colourvision	98	...	...	...	16.6
650	374	Courts Furnish	650	+5	5.5	1.1	∞
195	115	Crown Eyes	150	...	...	5.5	6.4
117	80	Dairy Farm Intl	117	+2	...	2.9	18.6
74½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	74½	+1½	1.0	1.7	21.9
281	194½	Dixons Grp	214	-3	6.0	3.5	29.2
413	320	Dunhill	385 †	-1	8.1	2.6	15.0
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
119	71	Essex Furn	117	-1	...	2.9	19.8
250	203	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.9
575	490	Fine Art Dev	574	...	12.7	2.8	18.8
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
89	24	French Conn	88	+1	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci	45	...	2.0	...	9.0
65	43	Gent SR	56	...	3.0	4.5	16.4
30	23	Goldsmiths Gp	29	+1	0.3	0.6	...
3100	2400	GUS	3100	...	40.0	1.6	24.7
1784	1563	-do- 'A'	1780	+2	40.0	2.8	14.2
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hamstone	40	+4	2.8	8.8	...
25½	10	Helene Plc	22½	-½	2.0	11.2	10.6
60	39	Heritage	55	...	...	...	...
63	36	Honeysuckle	56	...	...	2.2	7.9
93	63	Jacques Vert	62	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	599	-5	...	2.9	19.6
74	63½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	1.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	630	-8	7.3	1.4	74.2
320	265	Lloyds Chem	285	-3	5.5	2.4	11.2
152	120	MFI	133	+1	...	3.5	37.7
365	311	Marks Spencer	350	+3	...	2.9	19.2
505	448	Menzies (John)	503	+4	10.0	2.5	16.7
205	135	Moss Bros	203	...	3.5	3.4	∞
178½	139½	Next	174	+½	2.5	1.8	20.8
40	15	Oliver (G)	36	+2	...	...	...
270	197	Oriflame Intl	267	-1	...	4.6	∞
63	45	Pentos	50	...	1.5	3.8	10.4
313	255	QS Hldgs	303	+4	5.1	2.1	21.6
41½	11	Ratners Group	33½	-2	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	30½	...	...	...	...
181	137	Sherwood Gp	157	...	...	2.1	14.1
108	93	Sears	99	...	...	4.4	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	441	+8½	13.4	3.8	15.5
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	208	-6	...	3.1	26.3
191	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	130 †	+3	1.0	1.0	21.3
230	160	Time Products	217 †	...	7.5	4.3	18.7
100	63	Usher (Frank)	97	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	117	-1	...	...	51.9
78	45	Wld of Leather	76	-2	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	171	...	...	2.9	∞
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	∞

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	173 †	+1	...	3.9	∞
240	223	Acal	233 †	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Compu	93	...	...	...	47.1
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
133	104	Alba	133	...	4.8	4.7	∞
48	19½	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	...
78½	22	Amstrad	37½	...	0.4	...	...
125	71	App Holo	71	-5	...	...	...
25	13	Arlen	25	+1	...	...	...
69½	39½	Astec	69½	+4½	...	...	1.1
293	230	Beales Hunter	263	-2	9.2	4.4	13.9
9	3½	Bennett & Fountain	5½	...	...	...	...
409½	319	BICC	389	+2	19.2	6.2	26.4
575	450	Blick	455	...	9.2	2.5	17.7
1700	1150	Borland	1525	-25	...	...	...
339	274	Bowthorpe	336	-2	6.3	2.4	21.9
449½	376	BT	425	-3½	...	4.7	19.6
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	∞
160	110	Burnfield	150	-2	5.7	4.8	23.7
786	669	Cable Wireless	781	+6	...	2.4	24.8
21½	11½	Chloride	17½	+½	...	...	...
258	239	CML Micro	254 †	...	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108½	Cray Elect	156	+1	...	0.4	12.8
378	343	Critchley	367	...	...	2.1	∞
119	86	Dale	101	...	5.1	6.3	9.8
548	414	Delta	518	...	...	3.4	21.3
340	305	Dewhurst El	338	...	...	2.3	14.3
620	428	Domino	428	-11	7.2	2.1	14.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck	990	...	...	1.2	24.1
413	358	Electrocomponts	413	+3	...	2.4	16.6
580	470	El Data Pro	580	...	5.1	1.1	15.9
91	43	Electron House	90	-1	2.3	3.3	27.4
30½	10½	Emess	24½	-1½	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	586	...	8.0	1.7	28.7
147	108	FKI	145½	+2½	3.0	2.6	∞
426	340	Farnell Elect	415½	-6½	...	1.9	22.0
65	33	Feedback	64	-1	...	3.0	∞
18	9½	Ferranti	11	+½	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	203	...	...	...	...
270	81	Forward Gp	265 †	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
343	264	GEC	333½	-6	...	4.0	16.5
182	132	Graseby	167	...	...	8.2	35.1
11½	7½	Graystone	8½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilldare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM	148	...	...	2.6	10.6
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
19	8	Kembrey	18	-½	0.1	1.1	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	310	...	5.8	2.4	∞
208	47	Kewill Sys	208	+10	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	203	-1	5.5	3.4	24.1
60	16	Laser-Scan	45	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	275	+1	...	0.3	∞
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	146	...	3.5	3.0	15.8
269	164	Logica	254	-4	3.6	1.8	30.0
54	44	LPA Ind	46	...	...	9.9	12.5
212	167	MR Data Mngmt	167	-5	4.3	3.2	15.9
683	523	Macro 4	665	...	...	2.4	22.3
630	527	Memrex-Sw	585	...	...	1.9	19.2
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2095	+22	...	...	...
227	184	Microgen	185	...	7.2	4.9	12.6
34½	23½	Microvitec	28½	-½	...	...	...
514	357	Mitys	498	...	6.1	1.5	22.7
297	98	Mitel	293	+20	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu	120	...	...	3.6	15.2
28	16	Molynx	23 †	...	1.3	7.1	∞
272	202	MTL Intst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	122	Multitone Elect	130	...	3.0	2.9	15.9
171	116	Murray Enter	170 †	+1	1.8	1.4	80.0
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6012½	+112½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	141	...	2.6	2.3	18.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
128	58	Norbain	128	+1	...	1.0	19.2
75	20	Northamber	60	...	0.5	1.0	...
15	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	8.1
265	195	Oxford Inst	252½	...	4.5	2.3	∞
83	48	P-E Internatl	71	...	1.0	1.8	...
77	29	P & P	77	...	1.4	2.3	40.9
80	55	Peek	68	...	3.4	6.2	17.8
190	115	Pegasus	170	-4	...	4.7	43.6
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	1025	-25	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	225	-1	...	...	...
462	343	Pilco	462	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	63	Plasmec	70	...	...	6.7	3.9
104	76	Pressac	102	...	2.4	2.9	22.6
135	103	Psion	108	-1	...	2.9	28.7
229	160	Racal Elect	220 †	...	...	2.4	17.3
60	45	Radamec	58	...	...	3.2	12.4
70	43	Radius	57	...	...	5.9	19.7
92	61	Real Time	70	...	...	5.4	6.4
35	18	Riva	33	...	...	...	41.9
629	488	Sage Gp	505	...	9.0	2.2	16.2
342	222	Sanderson Elec	305 †	...	9.0	3.7	13.0
66	49	Seamtronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	5.0	4.0	30.5
330	270	Senta Gp	323	+15	2.8	1.1	26.2
39	26	Silvermines	30	-1	...	4.6	∞
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	6.0	15.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2400	+59½	...	1.2	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits	10½	-½	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	135	-1	0.8	0.7	∞
923	809	THORN EMI	908	-1	...	4.5	18.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	70	Total Systems	72	...	3.0	5.3	∞
445	372	Tunstall	435 †	...	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	238	...	5.8	3.1	41.6
35	24	Vistec	32	...	...	1.5	∞
471	387	Vodafone	449 †	-2	...	1.9	20.3
441	368	Volex	430	...	17.8	5.3	∞
26	11	Western Selectn	25	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	461	+8	...	5.5	7.7
496	390	Eastern Elect	482	+10	...	5.1	9.3
356	304	Hydro-Elect	337	+1	...	4.3	11.9
500½	404	London Elect	466	+8	16.8	4.5	9.0
549	458	Manweb	533	+3	...	5.1	7.5
514	424½	Midlands Elec	494	+2	17.2	4.5	10.2
540	440	Northern Elec	525	+6	...	5.3	7.4
544	439	Norweb	501	+7	...	5.1	7.5
337	285	Scottish Power	318	+1	...	4.5	11.5
529	436	Seeboard	518	-2	...	5.0	8.1
571	469	Sth Wales	541	+6	...	5.3	8.8
532	426	Sth Western	489	+4	...	5.3	7.5
496	406	Southern Elec	482	+10	...	5.2	8.6
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	520	+5	...	5.0	9.4
370	273	National Powr	369 †	+1	...	3.6	11.2
389½	273	PowerGen	388½	+1½	...	3.4	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	30	Aitken Hume	30	...	0.5	...	31.9
97	47	BWD	96	...	...	4.2	15.0
90	26	Baltic Plc	87	...	...	1.4	...
491	413	Caledonia	491	+3	15.0	3.9	∞
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	12.0	1.1	∞
283	243	Candover	283	+3	10.2	4.5	20.0
110	71	Flextech	110 †	+3	...	0.6	...
303	155	Govett	274	...	...	5.5	8.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	6.2	∞
8½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
215	154	Lon Forfaitng	214	...	8.4	5.0	15.2
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
276	246	Rathbone Bros	276	+1	6.0	2.7	16.8
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
330	253	S & U	292	...	10.0	4.3	∞
70	46	Singer & Fried	66	+½	2.6	4.9	∞
975	738	Sothebys	850	...	...	4.4	...
123	83	SJP Capital	123 †	+1	3.0	3.0	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2162½	1487½	Amer Express	2156½	+68½	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	995 †	...	...	3.9	20.6
138	92	Invesco MIM	137	...	3.0	2.7	∞
230	164	Jardine Strat	234	-1	...	3.4	10.5
230	154	MAI	209½	+1½	6.0	3.6	15.2
528	389	MAM	528 †	+4	15.0	3.8	13.2
799	633	M & G	786	+2	...	3.4	20.9
285	115	Smith New Ct	278	-1	...	2.1	3.3
81	55	Trio Hldgs	72	-1	...	5.2	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	489	+5	14.0	3.6	11.0
77½	53	ASDA Group	71½	-2½	...	2.8	23.1
256	170	Acatos & Hutch	236 †	-1	6.5	3.4	13.6
70	55	Albert Fisher	68	+2	3.7	6.9	11.3
407	297	Argyll	325 †	-2	...	4.2	12.1
25	12	Ashley Group	14	...	...	5.0	...
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	117	...	8.0	8.5	∞
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	378	+2	6.5	2.1	19.1
85	57	Bensons Crsps	75	...	...	4.8	16.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	393	+6	...	6.9	40.4
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	490	...	6.2	1.6	20.4
51	39	Budgen	43	...	...	...	14.6
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	467	+3	...	3.5	17.3
107	78	Carrs Milling	106 †	...	3.9	4.6	21.2
201	178	Cranswick	180	-1	...	5.7	∞
22	8½	Cullens	18½	...	0.5	3.5	∞
394	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	457½	-1½	19.5	5.2	13.6
54	22	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.4	...
134	115	Everest	115	-2	...	3.8	15.9
295	269	Fareplak	280	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Faringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70 †	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.5	17.4
483	328	Geest	394	...	8.1	2.6	17.7
12	7	Global	10	...	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.2	3.7	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	191	-2	...	4.3	10.8
171	131	Hillsdown	144	+7	...	7.6	11.3
250	205½	Iceland Group	230 †	...	...	1.8	20.5
131	111	JLI Group	113	-1	4.6	5.3	∞
853	710	Kwik Save	738	-1	16.0	2.7	14.1
262	185	Low (Wm)	186	...	8.4	5.6	9.0
58	41	Matthews (B)	57	-1	2.2	4.9	37.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18½	...	1.1	7.7	36.3
174	141	Morrison (W)	141	-4	...	0.7	18.3
568	443	Nichols (JN)	545	-5	13.6	3.1	15.8
290	242	Nthn Foods	224½	-½	...	3.8	13.7
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fm	14	...	...	...	5.8
239	172	Nurdin Peack	226	-2	8.1	3.4	∞
250	205	Park Foods	240	-1	6.0	3.2	∞
115	83	Perkins Food	93	-1	...	5.9	10.1
96½	47	PizzaExpress	81	-1	...	0.8	46.6
9	1½	Regina Hldn	5½	...	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	479	-9	...	2.6	16.8
68	33	Sentry Farm	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	108	Sims Food	108	...	...	8.7	5.8
439	357	Tate & Lyle	377	+1	12.0	4.0	11.9
273	208	Tesco	215	+½	...	4.1	10.0
211	123	Thorntons	146	...	3.6	3.1	13.6
183	101	Treats	163	-2	...	2.8	18.5
375	300	Unigate	346 †	+1	...	5.8	11.4
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	387	-5	...	4.9	20.0
25	20	Usborne	20	...	0.4	2.5	12.3
337	248	Watson & Phil	308 †	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk Fl	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
228	170	Forte	227	...	...	4.1	17.8
199	155	Friendly Hotels	195	...	5.7	3.7	37.2
8	5	Harmony Leis	7	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	107	+1½	...	5.7	12.6
215	154	Ladbroke	189	+4	11.1	7.4	16.1
73	59	Mandarin Ortl	65	...	...	4.8	17.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	∞
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	-5	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	52	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	194	-1	...	5.7	11.9
616	478	AAH	501	+1	...	4.4	15.0
172	140	AIM	165	...	6.5	4.9	10.2
132	88	APV	93½	-2	...	7.2	...
233	81	ASW	205	...	...	3.7	...
174	134	Adwest	174	...	7.0	5.0	24.7
28	10	Aerospace Eng	26	...	1.0	...	14.6
518	434	Airsprung	483 †	...	9.0	2.3	∞
147	113	Alexdra W	144	-2	3.8	3.3	39.8
13½	7	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	44	...	1.0	2.9	8.9
465	345	Amber Ind	465	...	18.5	5.1	∞
38	18	Amberley Gp	35	...	...	3.7	...
107	90	Anagen	92	-3	...	...	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	∞
893	703	Antofagasta	773	-2	...	2.6	14.3
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	ASS Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.1	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	489	...	...	4.2	19.5
225	168	Assoc Nursg	219	...	...	...	8.4
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	61	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	160	...	...	5.9	13.6
65	28	BLP Group	63	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	19	+2	5.0	...	0.8
770	650	BOC	685	+1	23.2	4.2	15.0
79½	62	BSG	68	+1	...	5.9	23.7
487	353	BSS Group	429 †	...	...	5.0	25.7
380	318	BTR	371	-6	...	3.6	21.2
221	177	BWI	177	-3	6.7	4.7	17.0
41½	31	Babcock	36½	-½	2.1	7.2	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	263	...	8.9	4.2	18.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	687½	+12½	...	5.0	3.9
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufort	7½	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	0.1	0.7	16.2
707	487	Bespak	487	-30	9.0	2.3	15.2
133	76	Bibby (J)	77	...	8.7	...	4.5
312	129	Billam (J)	280	-19	5.0	2.4	13.1
41	21½	Bilston Bttsea	33½	-1½	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	0.6	...	...
162	126	Birkby	162	...	...	2.9	∞
45	32	Black Arrow	40	...	2.1	6.1	10.3
2	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	179	...	2.9	2.1	18.4
290	128	Bluebird Toys	290	...	...	1.9	16.1
293½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
563	425	Boots	440	-2	...	3.8	16.3
61	42	Booth Inds	49	...	0.7	1.8	...
517	435½	Bowater	481	-3	11.5	3.0	19.0
1682	1293	Bowater Inc	1300 †	...	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
19	12½	Brasway	16	...	0.5	4.5	20.7
266	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	22.7
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	...	0.4	3.0	...
119	64	Bridon	104	-2	...	4.8	73.6
73	53	Bridport-Gndry	72	...	4.1	7.1	13.5
40	31	Brierley Inv	39	...	...	8.1	9.6
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	49	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	528	...	...	2.4	18.9
106	54	Br Steel	92½	-2	...	1.4	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	35.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	-½	...	2.2	...
268	235	Br Vita	219	+3	7.1	4.1	13.5
15	6½	Britton Grp	14½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	639	+13	...	2.9	30.3
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	103	...	4.0	4.9	14.3
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½	-½	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	64	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	118	...	6.0	6.4	20.2
26	13	Business Tech	14	...	...	...	∞
28	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	15	Campbell & Arm	15	-1	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	24½	...	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	238 †	...	10.5	5.5	15.2
228	178	Carclo Eng	214	+6	...	5.0	18.0
2888	2138	Cartland Mil	2375 †	...	...	2.7	∞
78	68	Castldy Bruse	72	...	...	4.3	∞
198	159	Castings	198 †	...	4.3	2.7	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	∞
707	605	Charter Cons	635	+1	...	4.4	11.5
295	220	Chemring	281 †	-1	...	3.6	16.9
92	49	Chieftain Gp	49	-2	5.1	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	30 †	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	198	+1	...	0.9	...
61	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	330	Cohen (A)	320 †	...	6.8	2.7	...
223	179	Community H	189	...	6.5	4.3	11.8
246	186½	Concentric	218	...	...	3.2	18.4
209	120	Cook (Wm)	205	...	5.0	3.1	∞
220	182	Cookson	218	...	...	3.4	28.8
63	38	Copymore	61	-2	...	2.0	∞
239	147	Crowel Pkr 'A'	147	...	5.7	4.8	12.5
178	116	Cosalt	116	...	10.7	...	17.3
224	150	Creighton Nt	156	...	...	5.6	11.3
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.3
3631½	2993½	Dana	3631½	-56½	...	...	...
905	314	Danka Bs Sys	885	-10	4.5	0.6	∞
16	5	Davies (DY)	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	676 †	-1	...	3.1	17.9
25	16	Dinkie Heel	22	...	0.9	5.4	17.5
513	301	Diploma	509	...	9.7	2.4	20.5
77	50	Dobson Park	74 †	...	5.7	...	13.1
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	3.0	4.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	3.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG	13	...	...	...	...
421	307	EIS	395	...	...	3.9	15.6
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½ #	...	...	...	...
28	19	Eluel	23	...	...	...	...
47	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2380	1787½	Electrolux 'B'	1862½	...	...	3.0	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	402	Eng China Cl	426	-2	...	5.9	23.4
2990	1350	Ericsson 'B'	2037½	...	...	1.0	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	91 †	...	1.6	3.2	9.2
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	...	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	82	-1	3.2	5.0	∞
668	499	Fairey Group	667	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	75	+3	4.2	...	14.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	60	...	...	2.1	14.1
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	...	2.5	12.0	18.2
51	28	Fife Indmar	49	...	0.5	1.3	...
251	147	Fisons	177	-4	...	6.1	20.5
52	29	Fitzwilton	41 †	...	12.3	...	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	∞
76	58	French (Thomas)	72	-1	3.6	6.3	36.1
218	166½	Frost Group	207	...	4.0	2.4	8.7
85	71	GEI Int	77	...	4.9	8.3	∞
480	434	GKN	481	+1	...	5.7	30.1
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	93	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	103	Gestetner	117	+1	8.3	8.9	5.0
36	23	Glevel	26	...	...	...	18.8
801	545	Glaxo	553	-10	17.0	3.8	15.3
28½	16	Glenchewton	27½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	290	-1	11.6	4.9	28.2
100	66	Goode Durrant	96	...	5.4	7.0	20.3
134	102	Grampian Hld	127	...	5.5	5.4	22.1
427	341	Granada	420	+2	7.7	2.3	22.2
40	30	Great Sthrn	39½	...	...	3.5	16.3
96	78	Green (Ernest)	95	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	8	Greenacre	14½	-½	...	2.5	14.3
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	56½	-½	...	4.4	20.4
83	46	Hadleigh Inds	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	235	+4	8.6	4.6	19.6
258	215	Halma	254	-1	2.6	1.3	∞
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	...	2.3	...	11.1
265½	222	Hanson	225	-1½	...	8.3	11.5
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	6.8	4.0	∞
187	147	Harrison Crsfld	178	-1	9.0	6.3	25.7
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	36	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	367	+2	14.8	5.1	15.8
228	160	Hewitt (J)	214	...	3.0	1.8	16.7
38	15	High-Point	37	...	1.3	...	...
152	112½	Hill & Smith	152	...	...	4.6	21.2
10½	6½	Hobson	10	...	...	...	...
127	87	Holders Tech	127	...	...	3.9	16.6
49	30	Hopkinsons	45 †	...	1.3	3.6	18.6
167	133	Hornby	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Crp	7½	...	...	13.3	2.0
82	54½	Howden	79	+1	...	3.4	12.2
233	173	Hunting	230	...	...	5.4	19.4
430	269½	Huntleigh Tech	430	+2	...	1.7	∞
295	247	IMI	277	...	...	4.5	23.7
109	90	ISA Intl	109	...	1.5	1.7	16.9
205	177	Intercare Gp	177	-1	...	1.8	18.6
255	235	Isotron	247	-1	3.9	2.0	15.8
528	360	Jardine Math	322	+17	...	2.3	20.2
537	427	Johnson Matth	428 †	...	...	3.0	17.6
64	51	Johnson & FB	52 †	-½	3.0	7.2	16.0
177	104	Johnston	162	...	...	3.2	2.5
32	19	Jones Shipman	28	-2	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	...	0.7	3.2
64	26	Kalamazoo	63½	...	...	2.1	4.3
178	73	Kalon	159½	-½	...	2.5	22.1
297	253	Kelsey Ind	283 †	...	13.0	...	...
543	465	Kershaw (A)	515	...	27.0	6.6	26.7
168	75	Kleeneze	165	+5	...	2.9	...
143	61	LGW	142	...	3.0	2.6	11.8
303	266	Laird	291	...	...	4.5	14.3
186	105	Lee (Arthur)	161 †	...	...	4.6	68.4
153	110	Lilleshall	152	...	4.2	3.5	18.7
153	97	Lincat	143	...	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	118	...	3.7	4.0	18.2
213	170	Linton Park	203	...	14.0	8.6	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	13½	+½	0.2	1.9	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	18 †	...	1.0	6.9	∞
274	173	Lon Intl	179	+1	9.4	6.8	∞
126	70	Lonrho	120	-½	...	4.2	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	337	+2	...	3.4	47.2
343	268	MB-Caradon	286	+3	...	3.8	22.1
169½	135	-do- pf	144	+2	7.2	6.3	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	29	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	43	...	3.5	7.5	∞
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
190	168	Macfarlane	189	...	...	2.1	21.4
439	379	McKechnie	431	-2	14.7	4.3	21.4
106	85	McLeod Russel	85 †	...	6.0	8.8	10.4
10½	5½	Maddox	5½	...	...	...	...
85	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21	Marling	22½	+½	0.5	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	166	...	...	3.8	13.8
54	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	3.1	∞
236	191½	Medeva	226	+3	...	1.2	18.3
113	88	Meggitt	108	...	...	4.4	18.4
118	98	Metalrax	110 †	...	...	4.1	17.8
76	70	Metrex	76	...	...	...	...
82	29	Midstates	82	...	...	1.1	11.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
488	368	Molins	466	-1	...	3.8	12.1
345	262	Morgan Cble	293	+3	...	5.4	15.6
145	134	Morris Ashby	140	+2	...	4.2	12.2
31	18	Neepsend	24	...	0.7	4.0	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	52	-1	3.1	7.6	12.4
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
167	122½	Norcros	149 †	+2	...	5.9	21.8
45	35	Novo Group	45	...	1.3	3.7	∞
413	310	Nu-Swift	358	...	...	7.0	9.9
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	26	...	1.7	8.7	...
140	123	PCT	124	...	...	7.3	14.1
48	38	Pacer Systems	39	...	...	9.4	...
138	105	Pentland	107	...	...	2.9	14.5
385	310	Photo-Me	378	-1	4.4	1.5	19.3
137	97½	Pilkington	127 †	-½	...	3.9	...
32	19	Plasmon	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plenabrook	68	...	3.0	5.5	10.7
154	126	Polypipe	138	...	1.9	1.8	19.9
32	19	Porter Chadbn	29	...	1.2	5.5	...
9	5½	Porth Gp	8	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	339 †	+1	6.6	2.4	∞
20	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	0.7	5.1	9.3
54	33½	RPS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	128 †	+6	...	1.0	∞
799	686	Rank Org	785	-2	31.0	4.9	21.5
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	599	+14	...	3.6	20.3
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	194	...	4.9	3.2	23.3
303	275	Renishaw	286	...	6.5	2.8	21.9
69	55	Renold	69	...	1.0	1.8	∞
1438	1240	Reuters	1393	+10	21.2	1.9	23.0
38	24½	Ricardo	38	...	1.7	5.8	9.3
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
68	58	Richard (Leics)	67	...	4.4	8.2	...
83	63	Richardson West	81	-2	3.0	4.6	20.8
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
38	28	Row Gp	32	...	0.6	2.5	13.1
171	131½	Rotork	165 ‡	+1	...	2.8	21.8
148	100	Rubicon	148 #	...	...	1.3	...
65	43	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SRP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
812½	625	SKF 'B'	812½	...	...	...	...
83	39	Savage	80	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Seville Grdn (I)	45	...	2.2	6.1	17.8
248	208	Slaga	224 †	-2	...	3.1	16.4
238	192	Schott	233	-2	...	3.4	17.0
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	960	...	2.6	0.3	36.5
669	552	-do- 'A'	645	...	2.6	0.5	34.5
566	465	Security Serv	547	-1	5.0	1.2	22.0
111	77	Senior Eng	107½	...	...	3.7	17.9
361	306	Seton Health	323 †	...	...	2.2	19.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
133	98	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.8	14.0
361	265	Sidlaw	345	...	10.0	3.6	16.0
501	427	Siebe	490	...	...	2.6	17.8
321	220	Silentnight	321	...	...	3.1	18.9
124	102	Sime Darby	110	...	...	3.8	13.5
142	32	Simon Eng	36	+1	5.0	17.4	8.2
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	196	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	37	Six Hundred	37 †	...	2.0	5.9	∞
164	140½	Smith & Neph	145½	-1	...	4.0	19.3
513	389	Smithkline	425½	-11½	8.6	2.5	15.5
450	340	Smithkline Uts	379	-12	...	3.5	13.7
394	320	Smiths Ind	360	-2	11.2	3.9	14.7
140	66	Stim Bus	89	-1	3.3	6.2	6.4
410	265	Spandex	403 †	...	...	2.0	17.9
650	500	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	339	...	...	3.4	21.5
145	44	Spring Ram	44	-6	...	1.0	12.0
270	222	Staveley	232 †	...	8.5	4.6	∞
162	126	Sterling Ind	162	...	...	4.4	26.2
26	11	Stonehill	23½	...	...	...	...
163	97	Suter	163	+7	8.8	6.7	17.1
390	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	356	+15	...	2.5	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
273	240	Syltone	269	...	9.4	4.5	∞
198	164	T & N	183	+2½	...	7.4	28.5
353	299	TI	350	+5	...	3.8	19.3
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
300	218	TT Group	295	...	6.0	2.5	17.6
249	222	Talsare	236	...	1.8	1.0	19.6
825	618	Takeda Chem	816	+13	...	0.5	21.8
48	34	Tex Hldgs	47	...	...	...	...
104	70	Tinsley (E)	104	...	...	6.2	12.1
225	150	Thom	202	+4	...	4.2	17.6
271	221	Tomkins	227½	-3	...	3.5	16.0
110½	87	Trafalgar H	105½	-½	...	3.8	7.7
110	65½	-do- 'A'	105½	-½	...	...	...
599	346	Transfer Tech	515	-19	16.0	3.9	13.0
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
233	220	Unichem	229	...	5.6	3.1	15.0
335	275½	Unitate	335	...	...	6.4	10.0
71	11½	Unigroup	60	-9	...	...	...
1249	989	Unilever	1027	-4	21.3	2.6	14.0
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7037½	-50	...	3.1	10.3
810	513	VSEL	810 †	+15	...	4.5	8.7
9½	8½	Vesson	8½	...	...	...	...
154	105½	Vickers	151	...	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	251	...	...	3.9	12.4
383	283	Vinten	380	...	...	2.3	17.7
604	427	Vosper Thorny	572 †	...	...	3.5	13.0
48	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	378	+2	17.3	5.9	∞
86	71	Walker Greenbk	79	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
258	201	Wassall	245	-1	2.5	1.3	24.7
36½	22	Watford Wdgwd	34	...	...	...	...
337½	281	Weir	323	-4	...	2.3	18.2
693	655	Wellcome	655	-13	13.0	2.5	18.1
23½	21½	Wellman	21½ †	...	0.9	5.2	∞
300	260	West Hillscare	288	...	...	1.6	19.1
508	460	Whatman	508	...	9.5	2.3	17.2
353	267	Whessoe	334 †	...	...	3.0	13.0
10½	4	Whyway	9½	...	...	1.0	13.2
51	27	Whitecroft	50	-1	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7 #	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	62	-7	3.5	5.3	24.0
365	285½	Williams Hldg	322	...	12.5	4.9	16.8
31½	17	Wilshaw	30½	-1½	0.5	2.1	∞
661	533	Wolseley	633	+1	12.5	2.5	21.9
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1909½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1843½	+50	...	3.4	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2118½	-37½	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	40	...	4.4	...	19.2
148	118	Bradstock	141	...	5.1	4.6	17.2
498	359½	Britannic	487	...	...	2.9	...
641	556	Com Union	614	-1	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	28.9
28	18	FAI	28	...	...	...	...
627	546	Gen Accident	626	+3	26.7	5.3	...
197	160	GRE	197	+3	7.0	4.4	16.4
370	255	Heath C E	351 †	+3	16.0	5.7	∞
228	168	Hogg Gp	226	-1	8.1	4.5	20.5
218	164	JIB Group	218	...	7.5	4.3	22.1
493	408½	Legal & Gen	479	-3	...	5.0	29.1
934	768	Liberty Life	934	...	...	3.1	16.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	434	+2	17.3	5.0	15.6
321	253	Lloyd Thomp	321	+7	5.6	2.2	23.6
368	224	Londn & Man	335	-3	14.2	5.3	24.7
398	321	Lowndes Lmb	398	+8	13.5	4.3	∞
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5943½	+8½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	81	...	...	7.7	∞
68	50½	PWS	62	...	4.0	8.1	9.0
344	282½	Prudential	340	-3	...	4.4	22.6
1138	800	Refuge	1045	...	31.5	3.8	28.9
319	248	Royal	313 †	-2	...	2.6	...
300	153	Sedgwick	200	...	6.0	3.8	34.1
261	205	Steel Burrill	248	+1	...	6.7	14.7
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	359	+2	14.2	5.0	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	273	...	12.0	5.5	25.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	715	+2	14.5	2.5	31.2
234	171	Willis Corroon	227	-3	...	3.6	48.8
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1689	+1	45.0	3.3	37.0
260	226½	Amer Trust	239	+1	4.9	2.6	49.6
363	304	Ang & O'seas	352	+1	6.8	2.4	44.7
139½	124	BZW Conv	139½	+½	7.8	7.1	16.1
163	133½	Bankers	161½	+1	3.4	2.7	44.1
298	264	Baring Trtme	292	+4	6.4	2.8	46.2
175	131	Berry Starq	175	+2	2.2	1.6	56.9
106½	96½	Br Assets	101½	...	...	5.3	24.8
73½	57½	Br Empire Sec	73½	+½	0.8	1.3	74.6
23½	14	-do- Wnts	23½	+½	...	...	...
173	150	Br Inv	169 †	+1	4.5	3.3	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	159	...	2.4	1.9	52.9
195	144	Derby Inc	152	...	16.6	13.7	9.1
280	195	-do- Cap	258	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	65	...	8.4	16.2	7.2
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	74	+5	1.2	2.0	...
120	84	-do- Far East	119	+1½	0.6	0.7	...
120	95	-do- Korea	120 †	...	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	590	+8	25.4	5.4	27.1
611	513	-do- Wrde	601	+3	9.5	2.0	61.9
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267	...	...	4.3	24.4
51	43	EFM Inc Tst	43 †	...	4.8	14.2	∞
54	51½	-do- Div PT	53	...	...	...	...
275	250½	Edinburgh	274	+2	8.4	3.8	30.6
254	183	Electra Inv	254	+3	6.7	3.3	34.2
170	141	Electric Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	∞
99	85	English Scot	99	+1	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	248	+1	...	3.0	30.2
106	77	Finsbury 'A'	106	+2	3.0	3.5	34.1
290	248	Fleming Amer	269	...	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	202 †	+1	...	3.3	39.8
271	212	-do- Contl	270½	+2½	2.7	1.2	∞
185	147	-do- Entp	184	+½	4.5	3.1	41.3
301	213	-do- F East	286 †	-1	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	96	-do- Hi Inc	99½	...	...	5.7	16.5
231	136	-do- Japan	229	+2	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	266 †	+1	6.7	3.1	56.9
254	212	-do- Oseas	254	+1	4.0	2.0	60.6
233	203	Foreign & Col	231	...	3.3	1.8	62.9
210	164	-do- Eurotrst	191	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	99	...	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	273	-1	1.9	0.9	...
150	116	-do- Smaller	150 †	+½	1.8	1.5	∞
233	145	GT Japan	229	+2	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	138	...	...	...	...
125½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	128	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	279	-4	0.9	0.4	...
259	207	-do- Stratgy	259	+1	...	3.3	35.8
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	35.4
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
134	124	Inv Cap	131	+1	5.1	4.9	26.3
94	77	I&S UK Smllr	93	...	2.8	3.8	25.9
183	158½	Kleinwort Chn	175 †	+2	5.0	3.6	34.1
206	176	-do- O'seas	207	+1	3.3	2.0	58.8
127	108	-do- Smlr	126	-1	4.0	4.0	30.5
603	540	Law Debenture	601	+3	18.2	3.8	30.0
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	247½	+½	10.6	5.5	22.3
5425	3700	Merrill Lynch	5425 †	+100	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	436	+2	6.7	1.9	54.6
136	105	Mora Gren Inc	122	...	...	4.7	24.2
37	23	Do Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	...	0.1	0.4	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	300 †	+2	...	4.3	29.4
319	266	-do- Intl	301 †	+3	11.4	4.7	27.1
324	263	-do- Small	323	+1	4.0	1.6	69.6
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
101	73	-do- S/C Cap	101	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C UTS	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	147½	-½	...	...	...
270	230	-do- Vent	260	...	...	4.8	21.2
77	59½	New Frontier	77	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Northgate	78 †	...	6.7	10.8	∞
301	249	O'seas Inv Tst	300	+4	2.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	373	-1	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	276	-1	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	143 †	+1	1.1	1.0	...
123	106	River & Merc	113	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
290	214	St Andrew Inv	250	+5	7.3	3.8	33.6
148½	131	Scot American	146½	+1	4.3	3.7	31.0
209	136	Scot Asian	205	+1	...	...	...
425	229	do Warrants	425	+7	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	73	+1½	1.5	2.6	48.0
205	183	Scottish	204 †	+1	4.6	2.8	42.3
201	178	-do- Mrtge	194½	+1½	4.0	2.6	50.5
83½	71	-do- Value	83½	...	...	2.7	59.5
1505	1390	Second Alliance	1497	-2	36.5	3.0	40.2
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	83½	+½	3.2	4.9	22.6
134	109½	Selective Asset	134	+2	1.2	1.1	48.2
24	14	Sphere Inv	24	...	3.1	16.7	7.5
145	112	TR Far East	143	+1	4.5	3.9	31.4
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	139	+½	4.7	4.3	29.2
154	110	TR Pacific	149	-½	0.3	0.3	...
30½	17	TR Property	28½	...	0.9	4.2	∞
69	47	TR Tech Inv	67	...	1.7	3.4	∞
181	146	TR Smlr Cos	181	+2	3.7	2.6	53.0
315	283	Temple Bar	309	+1½	13.2	5.4	23.3
91	69	Thrmtn Asian E	90	+1	0.5	0.7	...
71	54	Throgmorton	71	+½	2.3	4.0	28.0
460	363	Thrg Dual Cp	458	...	...	...	...
202	178	USDC Invest	202	+1	4.5	2.8	37.2
104	76½	Value Inc Tst	104	+2	3.6	4.3	26.2
608	543	Whitbread Inv	599 †	+2	16.5	3.4	36.1
199	181	Witan	197	+½	5.6	3.6	34.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	347	+1	2.2	2.7	12.0
61	42	Ald Leis	61	+1	4.7	...	17.5
357	194	Anglia TV	342	-2	...	3.4	15.8
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	238	...	10.0	5.5	14.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	145	...	...	2.3	19.0
16½	4½	Brent Walker	9	+1½	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	7½	-½	...	...	...
292	130	Campari	113	...	...	13.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	183	+3	5.2	3.6	21.1
818	718	Carlton Comm	779	+1	17.0	2.8	22.8
200	158	Castle Commn	181	-2	...	5.9	16.5
2028	1615	Central TV	2007	+9	38.0	2.3	22.6
83	61	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	509	...	...	2.2	15.2
350	197	Eurocamp	205	-28	9.7	6.1	8.2
1180	710	Euro Disney	790	+5	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	21	-1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	271 †	+6	10.5	4.8	...
378	320	First Leisure	356	...	6.1	2.2	24.5
515	298	GWR Gp	510	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	228	...	6.1	3.3	∞
6	4½	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	57	...	...	...	25.3
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	46 †	-1	...	5.4	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	-½	...	...	...
476	262	LWT CP	476	+10	...	1.3	22.0
475	327	Man Utd	422	...	18.0	5.3	14.5
148	90½	Owners Abrd	102½	...	3.5	4.3	8.2
66	33	The Pelican Gp	59	...	...	2.1	20.3
130	55	Prism Leisure	120	-3	...	2.8	13.7
24	16	Quadrant Grp	18	+1	...	...	...
318	279	Radio Clyde	279 †	-2	...	3.8	21.9
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	...	...	3.4	21.9
553	431	Scot TV	551	+6	9.9	2.3	22.1
60	38	Southern Radio	38 †	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
219	168	Stanley Leisure	216	+4	...	2.4	18.3
10	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	197	...	2.5	1.6	3.8
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	100	-4	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World	65	...	...	1.3	23.7
481	274	Ulster TV	471	-1	10.0	2.7	14.4
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
35	7½	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
204	110	Yorkshire TV	204	+3	12.0	7.4	6.2
113	83	Zetters Gp	112	...	8.0	8.9	11.3

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4750	1800	Am Gold	4750	+25	...	4.4	22.8
1487½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1468½	+12½	...	6.3	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	2012½	+12½	...	3.5	∞
29½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	25½	+1	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	106	-1	...	5.8	5.8
41	18	Bracken	38	-1	...	...	2.2
710	233	Buffels	705	+4	...	5.6	17.5
2½	1	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
604	546	CRA	596	+16	...	3.5	∞
43½	11	Chiff Res	35	-½	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1137½	+12½	...	4.2	15.3
138	37½	Deelkraal	129	-3	...	4.7	7.1
87	7	Doornfontein	80	-3	...	...	...
887	388	Driefontein	833	-10	...	4.0	15.3
618	120	Durban	614	-3	...	...	...
157	47	E Rand Gold	157	+10	...	7.3	4.4
162	62	E Dagga	156	-1	...	...	13.1
280	54	E Rand Prop	280	-10	...	...	...
510	117	Elandsrand	510	+22	...	2.4	11.9
742	292	FS Cons	742	+8	...	6.9	8.8
46	8	FS Dev	46	+2	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1463	+25	...	2.8	23.0
168	125	Gencor	159	-3	...	6.2	12.3
63½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	54	+1½	...	2.5	13.3
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18	-½	...	...	...
153	49	Grootvlei	153	+6	...	6.7	9.1
360	78	Harmony	328	-6	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	368	+1	...	5.3	∞
14	8½	Inoco	11½	...	...	...	...
1040	491	Impala Plat	854	-14	...	...	19.2
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9	-½	...	...	...
866	332	Kinross	862	-6	...	5.8	9.4
845	319	Kloof	837	-6	...	2.1	14.1
105	25	Leslie	105	+6	...	4.0	10.5
130	13	Loraine	126	-4	...	...	...
116½	81½	MIM	89	+4	...	2.7	38.9
1118	820	Minorco	1118	+25	...	3.4	13.2
125½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	122½	+2½	...	4.0	∞
1925	610	Orange Free	1925	+25	...	6.8	14.7
709	607	RTZ	679 †	+5	...	3.8	25.5
562½	425	Rand Mines	556½	+12½	...	10.8	2.5
542	150	Randfontein	531	-11	...	5.6	∞
192	115	Renison	186	+3	...	2.7	16.1
1200	850	Rustenbg	1062½	...	...	4.3	16.6
585	191	St Helena	518	+5	...	4.6	10.6
1677	475	Southvaal	1617	-60	...	3.6	27.9
88	18	Stilfontein	86	-1	...	7.4	14.9
201	58	Unisel	176	-1	...	1.7	17.1
4987½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4875	...	...	4.5	8.3
500	151	Welkom	493	+5	...	6.8	14.6
234	26	Western Areas	234	...	...	3.1	∞
2100	587½	Western Deep	2100	+96½	...	3.0	9.6
263	176	Wstrn Mining	263	+7	...	...	...
801	321	Winkels	796	-5	...	1.3	6.5
84	56	Zambia Copper	66	+1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	1.1	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
243	233	Abbey Panels	243	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118 †	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
131	82	Appleyard	129	...	5.2	5.0	...
280	208	Bletchley Mtr	265	...	...	4.2	13.5
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
439	165	Br Aerospace	390	-6	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	308 †	...	11.5	4.7	62.3
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	139	-1	...	3.6	35.3
29	18	Cook (DC)	25	...	...	...	...
255	156	Cowie (T)	254	+6	6.2	3.1	19.3
110	86	Dag Motors	103	...	5.7	7.0	18.6
142	102½	Dawson Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	236	...	2.0	1.1	...
118	92	European Mtr	118	+3	3.5	3.8	∞
324	208	Evans Halshaw	324	+1	11.2	4.3	49.0
290	226	FR Group	264	-6	...	3.4	12.3
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3506½	+81½	...	...	...
2987½	2143½	General Mtr	2987½	+62½	...	1.7	...
63	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
189	85	Henlys	189	+1	3.0	2.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	805	+31	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	94	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	146	...	...	2.9	26.1
386	281	Lex Service	383	...	...	3.5	20.9
140	85	Lookers	140	...	6.2	5.6	...
152	126	Lucas	140	+4	7.0	6.2	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	106	Perry Gp	191	...	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	166	...	...	3.4	21.2
153	99	Rolls-Royce	144	+½	...	4.3	...
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	190 †	...	...	3.7	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
191	121	Westland	190 †	+1	4.2	2.8	16.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
333	315	Black (A&C)	333	...	13.5	5.1	∞
608	423	Blenheim Gp	425	...	...	2.6	15.8
370	275	Bristol	345 †	...	11.7	4.3	∞
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101½	...	13.0	1.6	22.9
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101½	+25	13.0	1.6	22.9
305	251	Dorling Kind	295	...	...	1.3	28.2
373	328	EMAP	366 †	+1	...	2.7	22.1
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1063	...	29.5	3.5	23.9
237	170	Harrington K	217 †	...	4.5	2.6	17.7
368	233	Haynes Pub	365	...	6.0	2.1	15.7
355	355	Hodder H'line	355 †	...	5.0	1.6	∞
140	105	Home Counts	115	-5	6.0	6.5	∞
12½	3	Intl Bus Comm	10½	...	...	...	15.2
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
548	395	Johnston Press	548	...	6.2	1.4	23.7
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
164	88	Mirror Gp	161	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	335	+2	...	0.3	22.5
240	169	News Intl	215	...	...	0.6	14.9
483	354	Pearson	468	-7	...	3.2	28.5
675	510	Portsmth Sund	662 †	...	9.4	1.8	∞
686	618	Reed Int	669	...	...	3.2	29.1
148	98	Southnews	145 †	...	...	1.8	26.8
137	90	Sterling Pub	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	396	+1	...	3.5	16.6
825	715	Thomson Corp	815	...	25.4	3.9	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	373	...	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Newspprs	538 †	-12	...	5.0	15.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	9½	Aberdeen Petr	17½	...	...	...	...
39½	17	Aran Energy	32½	...	...	...	31.4
61	40	Arcon Intl	46	+3	...	...	...
68½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	...	...	...	...
70	28	Aztec Pet	70	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	167	+3	7.1	5.3	5.1
320	226	British Gas	306½	-1½	14.2	6.0	14.5
326	225	Br Petroleum	305½	-3	10.5	4.3	48.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	-½	...	...	...
737	675	Burmah Castrl	718	+2	...	4.4	16.8
65	32	Cairn Energy	59	...	...	...	8.4
286	223	Calor Gp	236	...	...	6.4	19.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	54	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	28	-1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	19	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	482	...	16.0	4.1	59.5
88	47	Exp Co Louis	50	-2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	27½	-½	...	2.3	9.0
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	43	...	...	...	...
169½	104½	Hardy O & G	154 †	-½	...	0.8	∞
46	18½	Kelt Energy	43	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	159	-1	3.3	2.6	32.2
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	...	4.4	15.0
24	13	Mid Scot Res	13½	-½	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	44½	...	...	...	11.7
9½	5	New London	8½	+1½	...	...	...
35	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	-1	1.0	4.5	9.7
31	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
14½	11½	Petrel	11½	...	...	...	...
125	99	Pict Pet	124	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25	...	...	...	9.6
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	3.0	...
303	290	Ranger	290	...	...	4.6	...
6350	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6197½	-40½	...	5.2	14.5
4900	3600	Schlumberger	4225	-12½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
637½	515	Shell	627	-4	21.9	4.4	19.3
203	180	Sunrise Eng Sv	180	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	8	...	...	...	3.6
41	21	Triton Europe	36	...	...	...	5.9
13	6½	Wiltis Grp	12½	+½	...	...	...
172	142	Woodside	147	+5	...	2.5	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	323	-2	7.5	2.9	28.1
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	190	-3	...	4.5	17.7
513	408	Abbott Mead	511	...	9.5	2.3	25.5
1½	½	Acsis Group	1 #	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	36	+1	...	4.5	...
192	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Designs	13	...	...	...	...
365	234½	Bemrose	365	-6	...	4.0	14.9
33	12	Birkdale	14	...	0.2	1.8	11.6
138	116	Bunzl	129	-1	4.0	3.9	19.5
287	252	CLA Gp	277	...	...	2.0	17.5
232	93	Capital Inds	221	...	...	1.8	21.3
58	44	City of Lon	58	+3	...	7.5	∞
236	169	Cropper (Jmes)	236	...	3.1	1.7	...
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckgng	81 †	...	1.6	2.6	∞
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins	55	...	...	...	14.2
15½	12½	Elswick	13 †	...	0.3	2.9	∞
73	41	Fairway Group	70	...	...	5.6	27.6
323	221	Ferguson Intl	312	...	12.5	5.0	∞
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	19.3
126	74	Flodex	115	...	...	1.4	∞
20	14	Fitch	14½	...	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons	87	...	...	7.2	17.1
295	247	Gold Greenless	285	...	...	3.6	23.1
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
88	43	Hunterprint	50	-37	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	249 †	...	4.7	2.4	∞
32	15½	Lopex	30	-1	...	...	∞
291	175	More O'Ferrall	291	...	13.2	5.7	∞
102	48	NMC Group	102	...	2.0	2.5	∞
118	66	Osborne & Little	112 †	-1	...	5.1	12.3
517	455	Portals	460	...	...	3.9	15.7
266	167	Quarto	260	...	5.3	2.4	15.2
347	310	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
185½	142½	Saatchi	172	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	464	...	...	7.9	∞
20	11½	Serif	18½	-1½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	29½	-2	...	...	...
363	294	Smith David	361	-1	9.5	3.3	16.0
295	225	Smurfit (Jeff)	228	+2	...	3.4	14.2
240	183	Star-Fhs	240	...	8.0	4.2	∞
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.2
66	38	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
90	40	WPP	88	+1	...	1.4	3.3
142	62	Wace	142	...	...	2.0	...
230	203	Waddington (J)	230	...	7.9	4.4	∞
723	540	Watmough	723	+2	11.5	2.0	28.4
7	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	...
32	12	Whitney Mck	31	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76 †	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	74	...	3.5	6.0	63.9
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	86	-3	...	3.1	9.0
139	88	Avonside	137	...	4.0	3.6	19.2
263½	206½	BCE	222½	-12½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	581	...	18.9	4.1	21.0
55	23	Bourne End	55	...	1.0	2.3	...
213	150	Bradford	206 †	+1	5.4	3.3	∞
21	11	Bredero	12	...	...	...	1.1
335	166½	Br Land	326	-4	...	2.7	39.1
206	140½	Brixton	194	+3	...	5.4	15.4
72½	42	Burford	67	...	...	2.1	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl	152	...	...	0.9	∞
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
375	196	Chesterfield	373	...	11.0	3.7	26.7
35	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	0.3	...	5.1
39	10	Clayform	35	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Ritbt GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1128	818	Daejan	1123	...	25.0	2.8	17.5
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twnr	99	-3	3.0	4.3	∞
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	473	...	8.6	2.3	58.9
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22.9
27	7½	Estates Gen	15½	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	168	...	4.1	3.1	16.1
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
57	30	Fletcher King	57	+1	1.0	2.2	∞
436	285	Frogmore	397	...	...	4.9	22.4
200	97	Grainger	193	-4	5.2	3.4	42.9
205	120	Gr Portland	177 †	+1	...	7.1	16.4
26½	7½	Greycoat	20½	...	5.2	...	...
145	101	HK Land	143	+7	...	4.6	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	61	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	315 †	-5	10.0	4.0	31.0
353	245	-do- 'A'	283 †	-7	10.0	4.4	28.6
223	127	Helical Bar	223	...	...	2.7	...
31	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	73	+1	3.7	6.4	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
601	435	Land Sec	592	-5	22.8	4.8	17.8
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	95	...	3.8	5.0	15.1
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	399	-3	...	6.3	17.2
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	122	...	6.7	...	20.0
7½	3	Marlbeath	7	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	45	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Mountfield Ksr	38	...	...	...	...
1150	775	Mountview	1075	...	30.0	2.4	∞
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	144	...	5.9	5.1	20.2
46	30	Olive Hldgs	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	4	Osprey Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.3
131	98	PSIT	126	...	3.7	3.7	25.1
221	138	Peel	210	+1	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	9	-1	...	...	1.0
44	22	Property Trust	32	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	1½	...	...	...	...
20	11	Regalian	18½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
70	39	Savills	58	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	74	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	-1½	...	...	∞
224	139½	Slough Estates	214	-1	...	4.7	15.0
82	56	Southend Prop	66	-1	4.1	7.9	33.3
28	16	Stanhope Prps	23	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	173	...	2.0	1.4	43.6
116	79	Town Centre	107	...	3.1	3.6	20.0
72	43	Trafford Park	67	...	2.5	4.8	18.1
66	29	UK Land	31	+1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	222	-1	10.5	5.9	20.3
202	168	Warnford	195	...	7.5	4.9	∞
8	3½	Waterglade	3½	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	60	-1	0.7	1.6	...
70	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	152	...	...	2.1	33.5
500	330	Lambert	383	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
71	57	Pittards	60	...	2.0	4.2	17.1
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
165	89	Stylo	163	...	...	2.3	61.3
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	408	Allied Text	493	...	12.6	3.2	13.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
165	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.6	∞
22	15	Chartwell	22	...	0.4	2.3	...
345	298	Claremont Gs	330	...	7.2	2.7	20.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	539	-1	13.6	3.2	14.8
53½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
248½	207	Dawson	208 †	...	...	5.4	15.8
30	22	Drummond	25	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	31	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel	68	...	...	9.4	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	∞
188	156	Hicking Pntcst	188	...	4.0	2.7	∞
59	45	Jerome (S)	52	+2	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	345 †	...	12.0	4.3	22.8
506	353½	Leeds	480	...	...	1.9	23.2
42	15	Lister	34	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	81	...	4.9	7.6	9.2
180	80	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
140	69	Parkland 'A'	140	...	2.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	95 †	...	3.4	4.5	∞
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	90	...	5.1	7.2	15.8
70	44	Stirling Gp	66	...	1.8	3.6	∞
51	39	Stoddard	39	-1	1.5	4.9	∞
312	250	Tomkinsons	296	...	11.5	4.9	25.5
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
208½	126	Yorklyde	197 ‡	+6½	...	3.3	12.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	421½	+2½	...	5.5	15.8
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	700	+2	...	2.1	14.6

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	423	-1	...	2.5	...
813	708½	BAA	724 †	-5	...	2.8	19.0
312	249	Br Airways	308½ †	-½	...	4.3	16.9
106	56	Clarkson (H)	87 †	...	1.5	2.2	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	413	-7	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155 †	...	...	0.8	∞
194	147	IoM Steam	194	+2	...	5.2	10.2
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2180	...	4.5	0.2	11.7
349	280	Mersey Docks	340	...	7.5	2.8	21.8
210	181	Nat Express	206	+1	...	4.3	14.8
284	238	NFC	248	...	6.5	3.3	18.7
302	244	Ocean Group	298	+3	...	6.0	24.8
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59 †	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	618	-4	...	6.2	33.5
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	+1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	535 †	...	...	5.3	20.7
140	117	Seacon	136	...	...	4.7	8.6
139	112	Stagecoach	131	...	...	3.6	16.8
43	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
53	31½	TNT	53	+2½	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britten	723	...	11.8	2.0	27.7
382	173	Tiphook	329	+7	17.3	6.6	6.5
258	228	TDG	239	...	9.5	5.2	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	479	-3	...	5.7	9.4
562	457	Northumbrian	537 †	+1	...	5.0	5.9
533	431½	North West	469 †	-4	...	5.7	8.4
533	439	Severn Trent	481 †	...	...	5.7	6.8
554	454	Sthrn Water	487 †	+2	...	5.5	7.6
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1310 †	...	47.0	4.5	∞
599	465	South West	498 †	+1	...	5.9	8.2
563	454	Thames Water	474 †	-2	...	5.5	8.9
612	506	Welsh Water	573	-3	21.4	4.7	6.6
649	536	Wessex Water	569 †	+2	...	4.7	8.9
593	473½	Yorkshire W	490 †	...	...	5.4	8.4

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100 †	...	12.50	...
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.78
106	101	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	-	13.34	5.59
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	...	8.36	5.54
109	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.71	5.56
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	-	12.70	5.53
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.62	5.55
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.62	5.62
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	+	8.63	5.69
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	+	10.99	5.78
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	+	3.12	5.31
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	+	9.47	5.96
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.15	6.13
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.88	6.33
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+	12.46	6.48
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.28	6.49
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	+	9.07	6.55
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	+	11.02	6.76
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	+	9.37	6.72
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+	8.17	6.75
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	+	11.62	7.06
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	+	8.80	6.94
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	+	7.12	6.79
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	+	6.76	6.80
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	+	11.05	7.38

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	135	+	11.44	7.22
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	120	+	9.96	7.33
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110	+	8.60	7.19
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	+	10.02	7.41
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.11	7.28
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	+	8.94	7.35
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.26	7.29
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	128	+	10.10	7.65
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	113	+	8.80	7.61
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	+	8.62	7.74
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.81	7.64
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	115	...	8.68	7.81
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	+	9.53	7.88
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	+	4.78	7.04
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	111	-	8.50	7.90
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	111	-	8.49	7.93
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130	-	9.62	8.16
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	+	7.93	7.94
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	+	9.49	8.11
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	104	-	8.15	7.99
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	-	9.81	8.17

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	108	-	8.28	8.00
100	92	Treas 8% 2009	99	...	8.03	8.05
109	100	Conv 9% 2011	108	+	8.28	8.08
109	100	Treas 9% 2012	108	+	8.28	8.10
77	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	+	7.13	7.82
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	+	8.04	8.10
99	93	Treas 8% 2013	99	+	8.08	8.10
137	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	135	+	8.83	8.31
107	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	106	+	8.22	8.14

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43	38	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.34	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	30	+	8.08	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	1.08
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	+	1.92	2.75
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+	2.31	2.92
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	+	2.88	3.24
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+	2.98	3.28
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111	+	3.05	3.33
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	170	+	3.08	3.31
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154	+	3.23	3.44
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	159	+	3.30	3.48
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131	+	3.36	3.52
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139	+	3.41	3.57
134	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	134	+	3.47	3.61
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111	+	3.48	3.60
112	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	112	+	3.47	3.60

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INFOTECH

The days of sexlines may be numbered, but will videophones present fresh problems? **Matthew May** reports

What the butler may not be seeing



Showing perhaps unusual prescience for an industry watchdog, "adult" telephone lines have been banned from using new video telephones.

The ability to add pictures to the sort of services that are now available only in sound — and that are typified by an 0898 prefix — has conjured up such unacceptable images that the industry-funded group Ictis, which looks after all premium-rated telephone lines, has barred them as part of a new code.

Although videophones, which are just starting to go on sale at about £400 each, have a small screen and poor picture quality they are expected to improve quickly. There will also soon be the option of viewing videophone calls on a television set.

> 'More than 700,000 calls a week are made to sexlines'

Ictis is worried that, without the ban, 0898 callers would soon have access to explicit video material via a videophone screen. It is also concerned about what might be offered on live sex chatlines that can have vision.

In fact, the whole 0898 industry is in for a rough ride. Ictis also announced this week that from the beginning of next year advertisements for such services will be allowed only in "top shelf" magazines.

But the real *coup de grâce* has come from BT which has decided that from next July any subscriber wanting to dial an 0898 number must register with them and get a special account number. Subscribers will also need a personal identification number, or PIN, which will have to be punched into the telephone before any 0898 number can be called.

The ability to put sexlines into this sort of ghetto comes from a decision by BT to split its premium-rate numbers into two prefixes: 0891 for what are called "quality services" and 0898 for what BT rather sniffily refers to as "non-quality services", or more popularly adult telephone lines.

Such services must use an 0898 prefix if they are with BT and although there are still "quality" services using the same prefix, this is because customers became familiar with these telephone numbers before the idea of 0891 was thought of.

BT expects all those services that can move to an 0891 prefix to do so before it introduces the PIN number requirement. "Quite frankly it would be mad for anyone to stay on 0898 who doesn't have to," a BT spokeswoman says.

BT customers calling adult services on Vodata's 08364 or 0338 prefixes will also be restricted in the same way. Sexlines are not permitted on any other premium-rate number groups, BT says.

Mercury says it will introduce a similar system at the same time as BT to ensure that becoming a Mercury subscriber does not provide a loophole for the controls.

The moves follow concern that sexline numbers are being advertised where children can see them and that there is nothing to stop children then dialling them.

More than 700,000 calls a week are made to sexlines, both recorded and live, at a cost of 48p a minute (36p off peak).

The effect of the new measures will drastically cut the number of 0898 calls. Many callers are likely to be either too embarrassed or will not want the bother of having to register purely to make calls to adult telephone lines.

The need for a PIN number means one other major change — all calls will be charged directly to the subscriber's account regardless of which telephone they use.

A few years ago one company estimated that 80 per cent of calls made to its sexlines were from people not responsible for paying the bill.

Since then companies have become far more aware of the bills they could end up paying and most block their switchboards to stop premium-rate calls being made.

"It will kill most of this business," says Peter Purton, editor-in-chief of the industry newsletter *Telcoms Today*. "BT hopes that those behind it will restructure and move into offering more wholesome services."

So far, however, the attraction of adult lines has been that they are cheap to operate and, as the calls can last a long time, they can be immensely profitable. Service providers for any premium-rate line receive 28p per minute for each call dialled to one of their numbers.

Although only 12 per cent of premium-rate calls are to sexlines, it is estimated they could account for as much as half the profit for the whole business. "Some operators will definitely be looking for ways to get round these restrictions," Mr Purton says. "One possibility is to use an ordinary telephone number and ask callers to give them a credit card number, though that would be a pretty foolish thing for anyone to do."

And while premium-rate adult services over a videophone have now been banned, Mr Purton warns that video pornography is still likely to become a headache for telephone operators. "Advances in data compression are happening so fast that within a couple of years it will be quite feasible to transmit video and films down an ordinary telephone line, perhaps straight into new types of video recorder equipped with the right sort of black box to unscramble the signal," he says.

When that happens, people will theoretically be able to obtain films and video by dialling a telephone number anywhere in the world and quoting a credit card number to pay for it. One American telephone company, Bell Atlantic, will begin testing a "dial a film" service in North Virginia later this year. Viewers will be able to call up an electronic menu on a TV screen and select from 100 videos for instant viewing.

But while public services can be controlled, telephone video between two private telephone numbers could be almost impossible to police.

ONLINE

Ratings game

ATARI, which invented video games but lost market domination to Nintendo and Sega, is trying to regain ground by contracting IBM to build a games console that will attach to a television set.

The 64-bit Jaguar entertainment system will cost about £130 and be built at an IBM factory in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Card sharps

AMERICAN banks are looking for ways to prevent illegal use of the nation's 83,000 cash machines after federal officals foiled a sophisticated bank-fraud scheme.

Two men allegedly set up a bogus automatic teller machine in a US shopping mall and used it to drain more than $100,000 from accounts.

For 16 days the machine copied secret codes from the cards of dozens of customers. The thieves then travelled to the East Coast and used counterfeit cards encoded with the stolen information to make hundreds of illegal withdrawals

Big Mac

APPLE Computer has announced its first move into consumer electronics with the launch of a £330 multimedia PowerCD player for sale in Europe.

The machine has the capability of playing audio compact discs, photo CD discs and CD-ROM video discs and will work when connected with an Apple Macintosh personal computer or a television.

Video standard

LEADING electronics manufacturers are considering forming a group to establish a common standard for next-generation digital video-cassette recorders.

After fighting over standards, eight Japanese companies along with Philips and Thomson are expected to adopt a world standard for digital VCRs to make home multimedia systems more attractive and to reduce research and development costs.

Little chip

JAPAN's NEC is to begin sample shipments of the world's smallest 32-bit microprocessor this month and launch mass production in January next year.

The company says the chip, priced from £22, has the lowest power consumption and operating voltage of similar chips.

NEC says production is targeted at 50,000 units a month. The new microprocessor has 240,000 devices concentrated on a chip about a quarter of an inch square.

Switch off

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Can you pass the obstacle course?

Applying for a job nowadays can often mean visiting an assessment centre, says David Guest

To get a job in computing, it used to be enough to complete an aptitude test. Now there are often several hoops to jump through, and the chances are that such obstacle courses will accompany people throughout their career.

The information technology industry is particularly enthusiastic about the idea of assessment centres. These are events at which job applicants are evaluated over a day or more against a number of criteria through a variety of exercises and tests. Also increasingly popular are development centres — a similarly intensive means of monitoring career development.

In computing, there are a number of possible reasons for the recent rise of assessment centres. The quantitative aspect of psychometric testing has obvious appeal for a scientific community. There is also the question of emulation. IBM in America was an early user of the techniques, and ICL has championed them here.

John Mahoney-Phillips, managing consultant with the assessment and career development specialist Saville & Holdsworth, says: "The cost of error in recruitment is high. Companies need more reliable control systems because they are giving people more responsibility."

Aptitude tests still have a role to play — for example in producing a short list for the assessment centre, says Mr Mahoney-Phillips. "Aptitude tests are still a good staple. They provide a screening mechanism. If you've got 500 people applying for a job, you might begin with an objective test and bring in an assessment centre later in the process."

The typical assessment centre begins with a short presentation — the company and the applicant will have established their interest in each other at an earlier stage. A battery of tests follows, to evaluate capabilities such as numeracy, literacy, verbal and spatial reasoning.

Increasingly popular are occupational personality questionnaires designed to measure the personality traits appropriate to a range of jobs. They can cover thinking styles, relationships and emotions.

There will also be one-to-one interviews, aimed as much at detecting patterns in the applicant's personality as to explore his or her capabilities. Case histories involving role playing are the key element, in which applicants are often asked to take parts that have no obvious connection with the job in prospect. But that is what the test is all about.

ICL, for example, runs assessment centres for a variety of purposes. "We apply it across the board, whether technical or commercial, for graduates," says Peter Forbes, ICL resourcing manager. "Afterwards, we will run development centres for people identified as having potential — the idea being to help them develop their careers." The company usually brings its groups of applicants together the evening before the event, to allow them to introduce themselves over dinner and to relax. Its centres combine group activities, tests and interviews "in different ways for different functional requirements", Mr Forbes says. He acknowledges that assessment centres demand a high level of investment from employers, but argues that the payback can be correspondingly high. "When we characterise a role, we try to think of the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to perform it," he says. "In technical areas, people tend to concentrate on knowledge because they want a recruit who can hit the ground running, but investment in assessment centres means you're looking for a broader mix."

STEPHEN MARKESON



ICL graduate Dawn Willoughby: "I remember thinking I didn't stand much of a chance"

Dawn Willoughby, now a designer/implementer with ICL, is a graduate of the company's assessment centre programme. She was familiar, she says, with the multiple-choice tests from job applications to other companies. "I ended up doing them quite a few times."

But ICL's assessment centre was the only exercise of its kind she attended while looking for a job last year. "I remember thinking I didn't stand much of a chance," she says. "The other people seemed so much more technical than me."

She was also a minority of one in an otherwise all-male group. A series of tests, interviews and tasks helped dissipate any nerves or self-consciousness she might have felt.

The experience of attending an assessment centre can also benefit the potential employee. Sheena MacDonald, a consultant with executive recruitment specialist Goodman Graham, says: "The candidate will see the client organisation and perhaps as many as six of its senior people over a day." She adds that assessment will sometimes suggest a more suitable placement to the applicant than the job he or she originally applied for.

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Au revoir to Parisian pleasures



Richard Cork on a Royal Academy show that brings together some of the city paintings to which Camille Pissarro devoted his final years



Bringing the insights of a landscape painter to his images of the French metropolis: Pissarro's *Boulevard Montmartre: Rainy Weather, Afternoon* (1897)

Suffering in comparison with his better-known allies, Pissarro is often regarded as the standard-issue Impressionist. He can look tame when set beside the audacity of Monet, and flimsy up against Cézanne's rock-like sturdiness. Pissarro was the paterfamilias of the Impressionist circle, a tireless encourager who always helped his friends in their misfortune. But dependability and kindliness are no guarantee of greatness in art. Was he, perhaps, simply too nice for the good of his own painting?

A splendid opportunity to answer this question is provided by the Royal Academy's survey of Pissarro's series paintings. Concentrating on his final eight years, the exhibition brings together several sequences of urban subjects, ranging from Paris to Rouen to Le Havre and Dieppe. Although an old man by the time he tackled these diverse and demanding motifs, Pissarro lacked nothing in application. Rising early and finishing late, he painted more than 300 canvases during this prolific period.

Maybe his resolve was fortified by the realisation that a previous excursion into Pointillism had been ill-judged. The pursuit of the coloured dot had led, in his case, to stiffness and aridity. If he acknowledged this weakness, the aging Pissarro may well have gained fresh impetus from his return to a more spontaneous way of painting.

Suppleness and adaptability prevail in his remarkable sequence devoted to the Boulevard Montmartre. At one moment, the entire thoroughfare is invaded by morning mist. Even if sunlight is struggling to oust the haze, everything takes on a wraith-like quality. The trees lining the boulevard look unexpectedly frail, and the carriages are sober enough to be participating in a funeral. It is tempting, confronted by such evanescence, to become conscious of Pissarro's age and circumstances at the time. In the spring of 1897 Lucien, his eldest son, suffered a severe stroke; later in the year Felix, his third son, died of tuberculosis. An awareness of advancing mortality seems to lend *Boulevard Montmartre: Morning, Sunlight and Mist* an air of imminent dissolution.

But Pissarro was robust, and found solace in hard work. Other paintings in the series offer a more resilient view of their subject, with cabs and coaches cluttering the road in all their firmly defined solidity. Pissarro, who was born in the Virgin Islands and spent much of his life working in the countryside, brought to his images of the French metropolis the insights of a landscape painter. The sky in one canvas of a foggy morning is alive with silvery light, and the wind driving through the clouds also makes the trees shudder below.

Nobody painted wet streets better than Pissarro, who delighted in crowning his silhouetted pedestrians with grey, helmet-like umbrellas. People become little more than occasional, wispy strokes of dark pigment in his loosely handled *Boulevard Montmartre: Night*. But their virtual removal from the scene enables Pissarro to savour the orange lights flaring from the furnace-like cafés, and smouldering even in their reflections on the rain-heavy pavement. The whole series comes to a festive climax in a Shrove Tuesday painting, where the tight, orderly ranks of a Mardi Gras procession are contrasted with the streamers floating down from the houses like tendrils of hairs to billow and curl in the February air.

Nostalgia is easily stirred by these images of a Paris in which horse-drawn transport still prevailed, and light transforms the city without motorised pollution to hinder its potency. Pissarro, however, refused to view the city as a vehicle for picturesque indulgence. Writing to Lucien about his decision to paint the Avenue de l'Opéra, he explained that "I am delighted to be able to try and do these Paris streets which are often called ugly, but which are so silvery, so luminous and so lively and which are so different from the boulevards — it's completely modern".

In his vigilant eyes, the complex interplay between traffic and figures crossing the Place du Théâtre Français was the essence of contemporaneity. The regular, unchanging geometry imposed by the buildings above provides an ideal foil for the road-users below, punctuating space with their constantly shifting positions. In one particularly exciting picture, Pissarro zooms in on the Place and dispenses with the distant prospect of the Opéra building. The diminishing figures and cabs provide perspective, and we are left with the delicate choreography of horses' legs, wheels and human limbs negotiating paths for themselves in the hazardous, impersonal arena.

Although there are humdrum examples in this series, most provide the show with its finest room. The former ruralist appears surprisingly at home in Paris, and the bustle of the boulevards gives way to awed stillness in a row of pictures devoted to the Louvre and its garden. Looking towards an area as yet unmarked by I.M. Pei's heretical glass pyramid, Pissarro allowed himself to convey reverence. The Louvre had, after all, been a source of inspiration ever since he visited Paris for the Exposition Universelle in 1855. He sees the Tuileries as *rus in urbe*, and fringes the looming palace of art with tenderly brushed trees which outweigh the solitary trail of smoke climbing the pale lemon sky.

When he addressed himself to the Seine at Rouen, smoke assumed a far more prominent role. Fascinated by the tall chimney rearing above the buildings at Saint-Sever Quay, Pissarro allowed its dark, ominous discharge to spill across the sky like a portent of environmental disaster. Sometimes a host of smaller chimneys add their own, lighter plumes to the scene, threatening to turn Rouen into an industrialised hell. But Pissarro's innate optimism led him to counter the smoke with the placidity of the water glistening in the foreground.

His feeling for workaday subjects ensured that he lingered over the boats and figures by the riverside. At times, he becomes too diligent in his attention to detail. Pissarro's main failing is doggedness, and his conscientious approach can compare poorly with Monet's magisterial ability to trap the essence of a scene alone. At sunset, though, the waning light pushed him towards a greater and more exhilarating simplification. One exceptional view of Rouen's port, lent by the National Museum of Wales, is sensuous and boldly summarised.

A rapt intensity is released here, and it makes Pissarro's nearby view of the Rue de l'Epicerie at Rouen look mundane. He could lapse into a plodding, tepid manner, whether by the Pont Royal in Paris or around the church of Saint-Jacques in Dieppe. Despite his evident involvement with people milling at the fair or market, overshadowed by the church's bulk, Pissarro falls short of animating them in the pictorial sense. Some of the latter images of Dieppe's Inner Harbour and Duquesne Basin are equally unsatisfactory. They suggest that, in the closing year of his life, Pissarro's redoubtable energy was faltering. He seems tired, guarded and older than his 73 years in a self-portrait painted shortly before he died.

His last series, at Le Havre, was no longer stimulated by the challenge of "modernity". On the contrary; Pissarro now claimed that "my motif" would soon be "very important from an historical and documentary point of view". The port was about to be demolished, and he saw his paintings as conservationist attempts to preserve the appearance of a condemned landmark. Perhaps that is why some of these canvases lack vivacity.

Among the disappointments, though, Pissarro's former *élan* suddenly flashes out. The cloud-piled sky in one small view of the Inner Harbour is handled with a wild dynamism worthy of Nolde, and the Tate's grand prospect of the Pilot's Jetty still captures the breezy luminosity and freshness of sky and water alike. Crowds cluster near the edge, gazing at the sailing-ships about to set out for the sea. And Pissarro stood among them in spirit, sharing their sense of wonder as he rediscovered his old zest for the last time.

● Pissarro: The Impressionist and the City at the Royal Academy (071-439 7438) until October 10

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● **PARTNERS:** The informing idea of Annely Juda's summer exhibition this year is to trace the history and mutual influence of 11 pairs of famous married artists from the earlier 20th century and five pairs of contemporaries. Sure to renew arguments among feminist art historians about whether such as Sophie Tauber-Arp or Sonia Delaunay-Turk were unfairly considered subservient to their famous husbands. Few seem seriously to have suggested this of such Russian couples as Larionov and Goncharova, Rodchenko and Stepanova, or Vesnin and Popova, let alone of Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth. With such current couples as Anthony Caro and Sheila Girling, or Alan and June Green, there seems to be more self-consciousness, leading perhaps to the wilful cultivation of difference.
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Cyclops in video horror

TELEVISION

WHAT was disturbing about *Time Indefinite* (Channel 4), last night's two-hour-long home movie by Ross McElwee, was not so much that a man who videos every moment of his life, down to his dead father's sock drawer, must be just a bit whacko, but that you felt you were in danger of falling into a Lewis Carroll world of paradox. If you film your entire existence, you must be forced to live your life twice over. But then re-watching those bits of your life you have filmed also swallows part of your remaining life. If, in turn, you video yourself viewing what you previously videoed, you must soon find you no longer have spare time to do anything interesting enough to film. Then what?

There is no doubt that McElwee knows how to use a video camera. His is a large, shoulder-held model, the sort used by TV news crews rather than by tourists. Even so, I wouldn't watch my own home movies even if I made any, so why should I want to watch someone else's? Most people's lives aren't gripping, even when heavily edited. That's why we have films, novels, and other forms of escapism. Television soap operas seem like real life only because they simplify, then exaggerate: they are optical illusions like those tall classical Greek pillars that bulge so that they look dead straight when viewed at a distance. Soaps which fail to create this illusion founder, like *Eldorado*.

Real-life, fly-on-the-wall documentaries *do* work, provided those in front of the camera are either leading extraordinary lives, or, as in *Sylvania Waters*, their lives are fairly humdrum but their behaviour makes you cringe so much that you are glued.

McElwee, *on* the other hand, is like a cinematic registrar. He records births, marriages and deaths. He does family reunions in North Carolina, his honeymoon, his father operating on a patient. He films a breast tumour cut out of a woman by his surgeon brother, the man who comes to mow the lawn, the piano tuner, the evangelist who knocks at the door, his wife's trip to her gynaecologist.

McElwee videos the sales girl who is trying to talk to him, but who has to talk to a cyclops instead. His ailing grandmother probably would have appreciated a hug but had to make do with a camera lens. You get the feeling that most of his subjects think McElwee is a nutter but are too polite to say, especially with the camera running. McElwee, as hooked as a heroin addict, does not seem to notice. Or maybe, like an addict, he has lost all shame.

When a friend, Charleen, is introducing him to a blind date she has lined up, she yells at him to stop filming. "This is not art, this is life."

Trouble is, this *is* a conclusion you have reached as well; all by yourself. Worse, you have reached it with 1½ hours of the home movie still to run.

McElwee may, of course, be making an important cultural statement about how, in a media age, we now all live our lives within the imaginary frame of a 27-inch television set. It would certainly be handy if we could flick channels in real life, adjust the volume, maybe move into close-up so that we could get a good view of *Figaro* from the cheap seats in Covent Garden.

Last night, many viewers might have appreciated the ability to "slow fade" half-way through and retire to bed with a racy book.

JOE JOSEPH



Ross and Marilyn McElwee: film of a film of a wedding

Sad tale of ancien sales

ART MARKET DIARY

THE late Lord Ridley believed that whenever a member of the *ancien pauvres* had to sell their stately home, someone from the *nouveaux riches* would take his place. Judging by *The Disintegration of a Heritage: Country Houses and their Collections*, just published by Michael Russell, the opposite is the case. Since 1970, 460 houses have been sold, of which 114 have been converted to commercial use and 105 resold, their contents scattered.

Meanwhile, Christie's has started a scheme, ostensibly to aid Lloyd's victims, but with profits in mind. The auctioneer will help Lloyd's names to use their art works as security to get bank guarantees of up to 40 per cent of a work's value. But it is also offering "immediate cash advances" for clients who are desperate.

● THE heritage world is eager to see what a group portrait by Gainsborough fetches at Sotheby's on July 15. This is not because the painting has any particular value to the nation *per se*, but because its price may have some bearing on the present stalemate over Lord Cholmondeley's Gainsborough.

Mr and Mrs Gainsborough and their Baby is being offered for sale to the nation by the peer, despite his having raised £10 million from Holbein's *Lady with a Pet Squirrel* last year.

The plan was to set the painting's value against his tax bill, but when the Museums and Galleries Commission suggested £1.7 million was about right, the Treasury baulked. Unfortunately, there are no auction precedents. The record for the artist is £1.65 million; for a painting from the same early period, it is £1.1 million.

Enter the Sotheby's Gainsborough, featuring three languid young men under a tree. Sotheby's estimate is £1 million to £1.5 million. Once the painting sells, negotiations with Lord Cholmondeley can enter the next stage.

● THREE national museums tried to acquire items from the Harcourt family collection at Sotheby's last month. The V&A, British Museum and National Museums of Scotland ended up empty-handed, having helped to create the price by underbidding the winning bids.

More than 300 pieces of family silver were sold by the Harcourt family in order to pay for the upkeep of Stanton Harcourt, which has the oldest kitchen in England. Examples include a pair of wine coolers commissioned in 1768 by the first Earl Harcourt, English ambassador to Paris, from the Paris maker Robert-Joseph Auguste. They went for £254,500.

Now, it transpires, the owners of two of these items have applied for export licences, and the relevant government committee will soon hear their cases. Since applicants can enter on the form virtually whatever valuation they want, the trio of museums could face a prohibitive mark-up if they want to acquire the items.

The regulations allow museums to acquire an object proposed for export, providing they can match its valuation price.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

KIROV BALLET: Returning to London for the first time in three years, the St Petersburg-based company is offering a five-week season that features five full-length ballets, including *Le Corsaire*. From tonight until next Thursday the company performs *Swan Lake*.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm, until July 31.

THE MAN WHO STRIDES THE WIND: The second season of Almeida Opera, a collaboration between ENO and the Almeida, gets underway with the world premiere of Kevin Volans's opera, based on Rimbaud's life in Africa. David Parry conducts, Peter Mumford directs. Thomas Randle sings Rimbaud.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), tonight, 8pm (further *performances Mon and July 9, 12, 16*).

BRACE UP! The American theatre company Wooster Group presents a multi-media assault on Chekhov's *Three Sisters* as part of the Lift festival.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (Lift box office: 071-413 1459). Tonight-Tues, 7.30pm.

CHERUBINI QUARTET: The second of seven concerts covering the complete Beethoven string quartets. (See review, right.)
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Wed, and July 9, 10.

REGIONAL

CHELTENHAM: This year's **Cheltenham International Festival of Music** opens with the world premiere of Michael Berkeley's opera *Baa Baa Black Sheep*. It is based on an autobiographical story by Rudyard Kipling, recalling how he was bullied as a child and escaped by inventing a *fantasy world of a child living among animals*, *The Jungle Book*. Performed by Opera North, with William Dazeley as Mowgli and Malcolm Lorimer as Kipling's alter ego, Punch.
Everyman Theatre, Regent Street (0242 227979), *tonight*, 7.30pm.

GRIMSBY: The four-day **South Bank Jazz and Blues Festival** features a strong lineup this year including Elvin Jones's Jazz Machine, Chris Barber's Jazz and Blues Band, the Stan Tracey Octet, Bob Wilber and King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys. Entertainment and creche are provided for children.
King George V Stadium, Grimsby (info: 0472 342422), tonight-Sun.

MAIDSTONE: Carl Davis conducts the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**, the 120-strong Brighton Festival Chorus and the Royal Artillery Band in the grounds of Leeds Castle. The programme comprises Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Holst's *Planets* suite, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and climaxes with Tchaikovsky's *1812* overture.
Leeds Castle nr Maidstone (box office: 0622 880008), tomorrow, 8pm, gates open at 4pm.

WARWICK: Warwick Castle is a spectacular backdrop for an open-air concert of popular Russian music performed by the **City of London Sinfonia**, with authentic flavour *provided by the Rossica Choir of St Petersburg*.
Warwick Festival (0926 496277), tomorrow, gates open 6.30pm, concert 8.15pm.

WINCHESTER: The outstanding German baritone Olaf Baer joins the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** to sing Mahler's *Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen* in a programme conducted by Simon Rattle.
Winchester Cathedral (0962 842383), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ALI:** Impressive performance by Geoffrey Ewing as Muhammad Ali.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

■ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly *staged new version of the Gershwin musical Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS:** A tribute in verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Soft-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm *and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm*. 120mins.

☐ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER:** Comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **LEONARDO:** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 95mins.

☐ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE ODYSSEY:** Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. Thrilling sound and spectacle.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. *180mins*.

☐ **TRANSLATIONS:** Clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE WINTER'S TALE:** John Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard McCabe in a sublimely moving production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).
Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient but needless remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*, directed by John Badham.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) *MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)*.

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain, a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. With *Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle*. Director, John Dahl.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

CURRENT

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **INNOCENT BLOOD** (15): Camp *vampire drama from John Landis*, derailed by an excess of gloom and gore. With Anne Parillaud.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek *island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted*.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance. Tony Bill directs; with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631).

OPERA: A stunning concert performance confirms the growing stature of Britten's *Lucretia*

Forced to collude in defilement

The Rape of Lucretia
Spitalfields Festival

AS THE years pass, and with the composer safely out of earshot, it is possible to salute Britten as the natural heir to Puccini. Like his Italian predecessor he wrote about the less attractive aspects of humankind, and like Puccini he used every musico-dramatic wile at his command to force audiences to acknowledge them, by drawing them into the action of his operas, forcing them to collude in, if not relish, the acts of violence and betrayal on stage.

The way Britten drags out the progress towards the central event in *The Rape of Lucretia*, creating on the way an atmosphere of foreboding and *sensuous anticipation, almost makes* rapists of us all, and is thoroughly Puccinian. In the context of Britten's pacifism the Christian framework, traditionally despised but without which the piece would make no sense, is used to universalise the central event and makes *Lucretia* the operatic analogue of the *War Requiem*. It is a work *whose stature grows steadily*.

Or so it seemed at the excellent concert performance that closed this year's Spitalfields Festival on Wednesday. Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia skimped on neither the violence nor the unchaste beauty of the score, occasionally overwhelming the singers in the unhelpful acoustics *of Hawksmoor's magnificent Christ* Church, but promising much for the recording that is to *be made in conjunction* with the concert.

Just as much is promised by the fine cast, dominated by two outstanding interpretations. Jean Rigby, as we know from her appearances in the role at the Coliseum (to be repeated next season), sings Lucretia with grave beauty of tone and phrase, and even on the concert platform her anguish made the aftermath of the rape well-nigh unbearable to witness.

As the Male Chorus Nigel Robson surpassed himself, singing with an amazingly wide range of colour and dynamic, from whispered pianissimo *to searing forte, and giving full rein to* the character's equivocal role in the action — commenting, censuring, yet at the same time slyly conniving. His is a profoundly unsettling performance.

Catherine Pierard's spirited Female Chorus could not quite disguise how technically demanding the part is, especially in matters of breath control, *but Donald Maxwell's hectoring*, insecure Tarquinius and Alan Opie's opportunistic Junius were spot on. Alastair Miles's unusually young Collatinus was all gain, and Ameral Gunson (Bianca) and Patricia Rozario (Lucia) completed the distinguished line-up. The recording is awaited with impatience.

RODNEY MILNES



Jean Rigby: sang the anguished Lucretia with a grave beauty of tone

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CONCERT: Beethoven quartet cycle launched

Accent on the genial

Cherubini Quartet
Wigmore Hall

IT MAY have been the London debut of the Cherubini Quartet when they launched their Beethoven cycle at the Wigmore Hall on Wednesday, but the ensemble was formed in 1978 and has *already established a considerable* reputation on record. Most recently, their Mendelssohn cycle has been widely acclaimed, and has helped to consolidate their claim to be one of the foremost of the new generation of German ensembles.

The scheme of the Beethoven cycle is to present the quartets in the order of their composition, in a series of seven recitals during the course of eleven days. The precise dates of the works within Op 18 are, however, a matter of some conjecture, and not all scholars would agree with the order in which they are being offered: Nos 3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6. Be that as it may, Wednesday's concert kicked off with three of the works most obviously inspired by Beethoven's teacher, Haydn, and it was the genial, communicative qualities of the latter that differentiated the Cherubinis' approach from that of, say, the Alban Berg Quartet.

Where the Bergs can seem stern and excessively introspective, the Cherubinis are not afraid to convey a spirit of enjoyment, as in the vivacious, rhythmically pointed Presto finale of No 2.

When intensity was needed, it was there too. In the slow movement of No 1, Beethoven admitted to having had the tomb scene of *Romeo and Juliet* in mind, and there was passion aplenty in this reading. Technical security can be a cause for concern when live performances are compared with recordings. There were a handful of minor blemishes (for which the founder and leader, Christoph Poppen, cannot fairly pass the blame), but on an uncomfortably hot night one should not be too censorious.

It will be interesting to hear how the Cherubinis cope with the more searching discourses of the mature works in the cycle. The omens are good.

BARRY MILLINGTON

THEATRE: More weird offerings from Lift

Zany time in the park

Bad Penny
Regent's Park
Boating Lake

STROLLING around Regent's Park Boating Lake, innocent citizens stopped in their tracks and stared. Some shook their heads as if they suspected a mental malfunction. Maybe this vision was a case of communal sunstroke. How else do you explain *seeing a hooded monk in a medieval* rowing boat, its hull apparently made of hessian, overgrown with gnarled branches and spewing out clouds of ultra-mythical mist?

Explanations are probably not in order. On the opposite bank, a choir in dunces' caps were gesticulating in unison, as if the audience was an *aircraft taxi-ing in at Heathrow*, and were chanting something ritualistic of which the only audible word was "incomprehensible". Meanwhile, a man wielding a car tyre was ranting about the insanity of putting a park in the wilderness of the city, and another *gentleman on the far* side — geographically and psychologically — was crawling out of the water, yelling "Oh God".

Bad Penny is about Americans who cannot take the heat. En Garde Arts create site-specific happenings around New York *and this piece, part of Lift*, was designed for Central Park. Frankly, it is something of a cliché: zany semi-psychotic New Yorkers crossing paths in the park and raving about the urban nightmare. During a sunny lunchtime in London, it seemed somewhat melodramatic, but anxieties about crime, unemployment and insanity on the streets do translate with increasing ease across the Atlantic.

Writer Mac Wellman certainly has a sense of humour and an excellent ear for *Americanese*. Yet he wallows in obscure nonsense and is pretentious when he waxes serious about "the toxic waste of our hidden hates".

Bad Penny is worth stopping off at, but not sitting through. Still, Patrice Naiambana is extremely funny, flailing around up to his waist in water, as is Zivia Flomenhaft shrieking insanely about everybody else's abnormality. And having characters emerging from the crowd is not just entertaining, it is a heckler's heaven.

Another Lift show, Red Noise (ICA), *is a sociology lecture masquerading as* live art. Geremie Barme translates from the absurd propaganda of the Chinese communist party and from the country's new wave of politically critical pop music and printed T-shirts. This multi-media piece claims to recreate "China's contemporary ambience of anarchy". It is certainly total chaos: slides get projected back to front; televisions are not connected to speakers; and rock star He Jong appears to have a screw loose, forgetting to enter and losing his mike.

KATE BASSETT

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Star trekking with Bono ... it's a man's world down at Virgin ... Shara Nelson breaks the mould

U2 boldly go where Euroman has been

NEW ALBUMS: *Zooropa* is the latest adventure for an enterprising superstarship. **David Sinclair** goes along for a very different ride

If U2 get any bigger they will burst. Such is their preeminence that in a recent editorial, the trade magazine *Music Week actually praised* the group for deigning to release their new album **Zooropa** (Island CIDU29) in the traditionally slow month of July: "Not only retailers, but rival labels too should benefit from the extra traffic *Zooropa* will create at a quiet time of the year."

They are the only band putting on multiple stadium shows this summer (four at the 72,000-capacity Wembley Stadium, among others) and sales of their 1991 album, *Achtung Baby*, are now said to be past the 11 million mark.

Part of the process by which a band scales such improbable heights is in forging an instantly recognisable sound. Think of the few acts of comparable status — from the Rolling Stones to Michael Jackson — and virtually any new song, let alone album, that they might record would quickly be identifiable to the broad mass of rock listeners.

Yet oddly, and perhaps admirably, *Zooropa* is so unlike anything U2 have done before that a reasonably informed friend of mine listened to most of the album without being able to guess who it was by. *Achtung Baby*, with its industrial guitar sounds and twitchy dancefloor rhythms, seemed an adventurous move at the time, but *Zooropa* has boldly sent U2's music spiralling into another dimension.

An album full of hazy keyboard textures and open-ended song structures, the tone is set by the title track, which starts with a distant babble of voices emerging from a haze of radio static. A shimmering wah-wah guitar motif hovers over a gently bouncing bass riff, like the air dancing above tarmac in the heat.

And Bono's languid vocal echoes the arch mannerisms of David Bowie during his Euroman synthesizer period with *Brian Eno in* Berlin. That was in the late-1970s, when Bowie was producing classics like *Low* and *Heroes*, and clearly *Zooropa*'s electronic sound and innovative approach owe much to the contributions of Eno as synthesizer player, string arranger and the album's co-producer (along with Flood and the Edge).

Time after time songs take off in strange directions. "Lemon" finds Bono singing in a tentative falsetto throughout; "Daddy's Gonna Pay For Your Crashed Car" is pumped along by a sinister bass rumble and a snare drum sound that is the rhythmic equivalent of a headache; and "The Wanderer" features the nut-brown voice of country legend Johnny Cash incongruously spliced to a backing arrangement that would do justice to an Erasure song.

The cover artwork is a pastiche of the EC circle of stars set amid an undefined scrawl of computer game-cyberpunk graphics.

And if the music has been cast adrift from its rock moorings to find its own level among the whirls and eddies of the new interactive technology, the words are no less removed from the strident declamations of the past. Whereas the old U2 were full of pithy certainties ("All I've got is a red guitar, three chords and the truth") Bono now sounds vague, lost and utterly faithless: "And I have no compass / And I have no map / ... And I have no religion / And I don't know what's what."

"Numb", the song being played on the radio (although it has not been released as a single), has a typically displaced, neurotic air. Rigid enough to be one of Kraftwerk's computerised soundtracks, it features the Edge on vocals, summoning a mood of romantic alienation with the repetitive, Dylan-like metre of his words: "Don't borrow / Don't break / Don't fence / Don't steal / Don't pass / Don't press / Don't try / Don't feel."

U2
Zooropa
Grant Lee Buffalo
Fuzzy
Rainer & Das Combo
The Texas Tapes



Shading the opposition: (from left) Larry Mullen, Bono, the Edge and Adam Clayton follow up *Achtung Baby* with the daring *Zooropa*

It is clever stuff, of its sort, and one can only admire U2 for taking these sort of risks when they don't even need to put out a new album for another year at least. Then again, another way in which performers maintain their status is by staying one jump ahead of the game, and U2 are currently proving more nimble on their feet than bands half their size.

GRANT Lee Buffalo are a trio from Los Angeles who saw the Unplugged era coming. Applying a rock band mentality to primarily acoustic instrumentation (drummer Joey Peters uses brushes as often as not), they have evolved a unique sound, clumsily described on occasion as "grunge-folk", but infinitely richer than the sum of those parts would suggest.

Reference points on Fuzzy (Slash 828,389) are farflung and necessarily approximate, but there are echoes of the likes of Green On Red, Chris Whitley and Warren Zevon dotted indistinctly throughout an album that is big on melody and even bigger on heart. Singer and songwriter Grant Lee Phillips has a strong, weathered voice, and the sparse production (by bassist Paul Kimble) gives his songs acres of room to breathe.

"America Snoring", a self-explanatory diatribe against political apathy, is the most obvious talking point, but "Jupiter And Teardrop", "The Hook" and the title track all have a more heartfelt resonance and a slide guitar sound tender enough to make any number of grown men weep into their beer.

RAINER, the Czech-born blues guitarist from Tucson, Arizona, has kept busy since releasing his second album, *Worried Spirits*, in Britain last year.

A collaboration with Robert Plant produced three tracks which surfaced on the recent hit single "29 Palms", and his dusty, desert-baked slide guitar playing graced the soundtrack of a BBC2 *Arena* film. However, long before it became fashionable to drop his name, Rainer was being championed by Billy Gibbons, guitarist with ZZ Top. Recorded several years ago, **The Texas Tapes** (Demon FIEND 734) was the logical, if contractually fraught outcome of the bearded maestro's enthusiasm, and features Rainer playing nine of his songs with ZZ Top as his incognito backing band.

This may have been a rapidly executed project, but there is an effortless magic woven into the fabric of measured chugs like "(Making The) Trains (Run On Time)" and the smbuldering "One Man Crusade". Gibbons's fat chords, and the work of the Top's road-hardened rhythm section, provide a neat foil for Rainer's lugubrious forays on slide.

And whereas playing unaccompanied, as he usually does, he is forced to fill in all the rhythm gaps himself, Rainer has time here to stretch out and deploy his considerable finesse as a soloist.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Emergency on Planet Earth	Jamiroquai (Orenda)
2	Unplugged ... and Seated	Rod Stewart (Warner Brothers)
3	Pocket Full of Kryptonite	Spin Doctors (Epic)
4	Automatic for the People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
5	What's Love Got To Do With It	Tina Turner (Parlophone)
6	Unplugged	Neil Young (Reprise)
7	Ten Summoner's Tales	Sting (A&M)
8	Gold Against the Soul	Manic Street Preachers (Columbia)
9	Muddy Water Blues	Paul Rodgers (Victory)
10	No Limits	2 Unlimited (PWL Continental)

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NEW WAVES

Nelson's unfinished symphony

Where will this week's Next Big Thing go next?

Fiddlers are no longer a familiar sight on *Top of the Pops* — and more's the pity. One of the factors that made Massive Attack's "Unfinished Symphony" such a big hit in 1991 was the dramatic string arrangement. But the fulcrum of this stirring song was vocalist **Shara Nelson**. Standing to one side of the mini-orchestra, she impressed with her sombre composure and a voice the texture of weathered hardwood.

Nelson is capable of a bit of drama herself. Her departure from Massive Attack was a quiet affair, but not without animosity. In the singing department she has a voice rich in theatrical tendencies, yet her control of contrast suggests depth of personality rather than a string of mannerisms.

Musical rules are in the process of being broken at present. Tracks from Nelson's first solo album, *What Silence Knows*, due for release in the autumn, are not definable within the neat categories of a record shop. Is she a soul singer, a singer-songwriter, a dance artist or just a plain old pop singer? Sometimes she sounds a little like Aretha Franklin; sometimes she recalls Tracy Chapman. The mood shifts from song to song.

In the final analysis, none of this matters. Co-written with P.M. Dawn, "Down That Road", her imminent single, covers all these bases with its shuffling rhythm, serious but sing-along message and a compelling use of dramatic strings. Touché, Massive Attack.

Another song, "Inside Out", is accompanied only by guitar. The words are fairly standard, anatomy-of-a-relationship stuff, but when Nelson sings "I wanna sing, I wanna shout and tell the world 'cause I'm so proud", she breaks open the stifling introversion of singer-songwriter love songs. Inside every chronic introvert, especially the shy and retiring rock singer, is a raging show-off.

Rather than searching for new niches in which to contain this feast of iconoclastic artists, we should be thankful that somebody out there is capable, still, of intelligent lyrics, a decent chorus and the good sense to arrange songs according to their needs, rather than habit or fashion.

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OUT & ABOUT NEXT WEEK

BOOKS: *Child In Time* by Ian Gillan (Smith Gryphon £15.99, Thurs). Autobiography of Deep Purple vocalist. Colourful tale of a man who's sacrificed most of his life to "having a good time". Published to coincide with yet another imminent reunion of the one-time "loudest band in the world".
The Story Of The Grateful Dead by Adrian Hall (Magna, £5.99). Promises Deadheads 80 pages of "fascinating" facts and pictures. Available by mail order from Harveys Bookshop, 12 Market Place, Leicester LE1 5GF.

FILM: *The Cure Show*, directed by Aubrey Powell and Leroy Bennett. Straightforward performance footage of the Cure filmed in concert in Detroit last year. Plenty of hits and a stunning light-show, but not of much interest unless you're a fan of the group. Plaza West End (071-437 1234) and nationally from today.

SINGLE: Stone Temple Pilots: "Plush" (Atlantic). Tough, melodic rock track lifted from the brilliant *Core* album, currently at number three in America.

REISSUES: Joy Division/ New Order: Their complete back catalogue, unavailable since the demise of Factory Records, is released by London on CD and cassette on Monday.

TELEVISION: *Later With Jools Holland* (BBC2, tonight, 11.15pm). With Lenny Kravitz, Bjork from the Sugarcubes and Paul Westerberg.
Desperately Seeking Susan (BBC1, Tues, 10.20pm), directed by Susan Seidelman (1985). Madonna's first major role on the big screen, and a perfor-

Radio Virgin on the monotonous

Adrian Deevoy turns on, tunes in and drops off to the unrelenting rock pumped out by Branson's brainchild

When Richard Branson was asked a year ago whether he still had any interest in rock music he replied with the hesitant candour for which he has become famous: "Um, no." Nine months later he was launching Virgin 1215, the first national rock alternative to Radio 1.

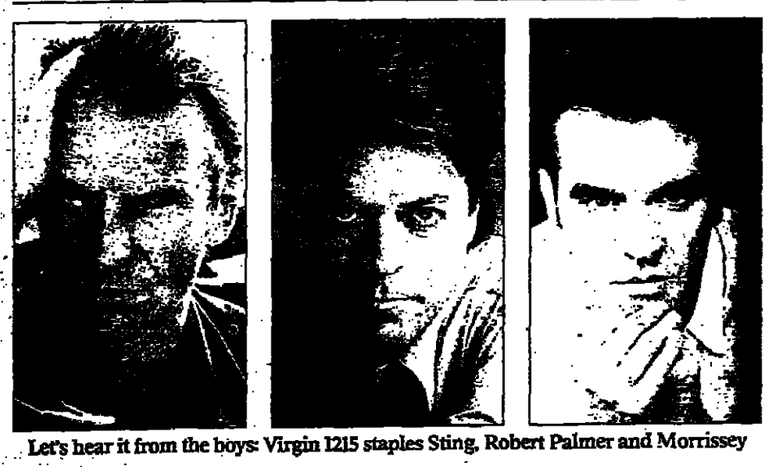
Had he been fibbing? Probably not. It may still be that Branson does not know his A-Ha from his Elton. He has, after all, built a career on attempting the impossible when the merely insurmountable would have sufficed.

Last week Virgin 1215, now two months old, received a helping hand from Radio 1 when "the UK's favourite station" was thrown into confusion by the shock resignation of Johnny Beerling, its controller of 26 years. As a result all Radio 1's competition-crushing plans for the autumn, involving Graham Taylor-like reshuffles and substitutions of existing DJs, were temporarily shelved.

This week Virgin itself took a similar body-blow when a rumour emerged that Chris Evans, its Saturday morning DJ, may be leaving his popular programme due to the pressures of other work — presenting Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast*, for example. "It's a possibility that Chris may be off," Virgin admits cagily. "He is very busy these days."

The brief slump in morale at Radio 1, however, gave Virgin the break it needed. The station leaked its first month's audience figures. An impressive 3.5 million people had tuned in, almost a 7 per cent share of Radio 1's audience which, in the face of recent commercial competition, has dropped to 19 million. After a quarter of a century spent reclining on its listener-guaranteed laurels, Radio 1 suddenly had to sit up and listen.

Virgin's policy is a simple



Let's hear it from the boys: Virgin 1215 staples Sting, Robert Palmer and Morrissey

radio as a template, the daytime shows play AOR (adult-oriented rock) album tracks and classic rock singles as often as possible, while keeping disc-jockey interjections and news bulletins to a minimum.

Virgin prides itself on having what it calls music marathons, during which it plays 30 minutes of non-stop music every hour. A typical half-hour might run: Morrissey's "Suedehead"; Robert Palmer's "Searching for Clues"; Sting's "Fields of Gold"; Spin Doctors' "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong"; Tim Finn's "Persuasion" and Paul Weller's "Sunflower".

The tracks are selected by the station's controllers on a daily basis and the choices fed

poses up-tempo songs with ballads so that a smooth listening curve is maintained. That's the theory anyway. Foul-ups occur with amusing frequency. "Back with Deep Purple after the break," the DJ may say, only to return to the strains of The Jam.

A day in the company of Virgin 1215 can be exhausting. At 9am, as Danny Baker's invariably inspired *Morning Edition* wound up on Radio 5, Russ Williams's *Rock and Roll Breakfast* trundled into its third hour on Virgin. Came the fourth hour, and one could have had more than enough of white male major-label guitar rock. But with nary a newsbreak Richard Skinner, the station's joint programme controller was cranking out more of the same. The temptation to hop across to Simon Bates's weepy "Our Tune" on Radio 1 was almost irresistible.

While Virgin claims that its choice of music acknowledges neither sex nor colour, only women with proven songwriting pedigrees — such as Joni Mitchell or Suzanne Vega — seemed to slip through the net when I listened, as did black rock artists Lenny Kravitz and Terence Trent D'Arby. Any form of rap was ignored and dance music frowned upon. The only house tune played was "Rilly Groovy" by the Beautiful People — a montage of Jimi Hendrix cut-ups.

Virgin — which arch-gadfly Jonathan King has bitchily rechristened Valium — has a series of jingles which only serve to emphasise the narrow parameters in which it operates. "From R.E.M to ZZ Top, from the Who to U2, the station that brings you quality and quantity!" It's a little like a pub advertising the fact that it sells only beer, lemonade and, well, shandy.

Similarly, the station's reputation for emitting a weak signal to certain areas (reception in High Wycombe and Carlisle is apparently appalling) was underscored by a rather sad repeated message instructing listeners to fiddle with their tuner until the sound quality improved.

Tommy Vance, the self-styled larynx on legs, took over in the late afternoon and played, *quelle suprise*, more guitar rock. Vance talked more than his pre-lunch colleagues, coming perilously close at times to providing a real-life poptastic equivalent to Smashie and Nicey. Harry Enfield's spoof DJs. Another alleged highlight of Vance's show was his "Packet of Three", a single-entendre alluding to three songs played in a row, which he urged listeners to "lie back and enjoy". Meanwhile, over on Radio 1, Steve Wright's groundbreaking zoo-format afternoon show was considering such thorny social issues as whether Andre Agassi favours wax or razor.

As Virgin's evening schedule progressed the DJs were allowed more room to manoeuvre. This gave the corpulent Australian Jonathan Coleman — the Mound of Sound — carte blanche to make incessant references to his size, and midnight-straddling talkshow host Nick Abbott licence to patronise his callers.

Meanwhile down the dial at Radio 1, Bob Harris, veteran pilot of the airwaves, was whispering: "Umm, nice, and here's a favourite from the Eagles ..." In his own quiet way he was declaring war.

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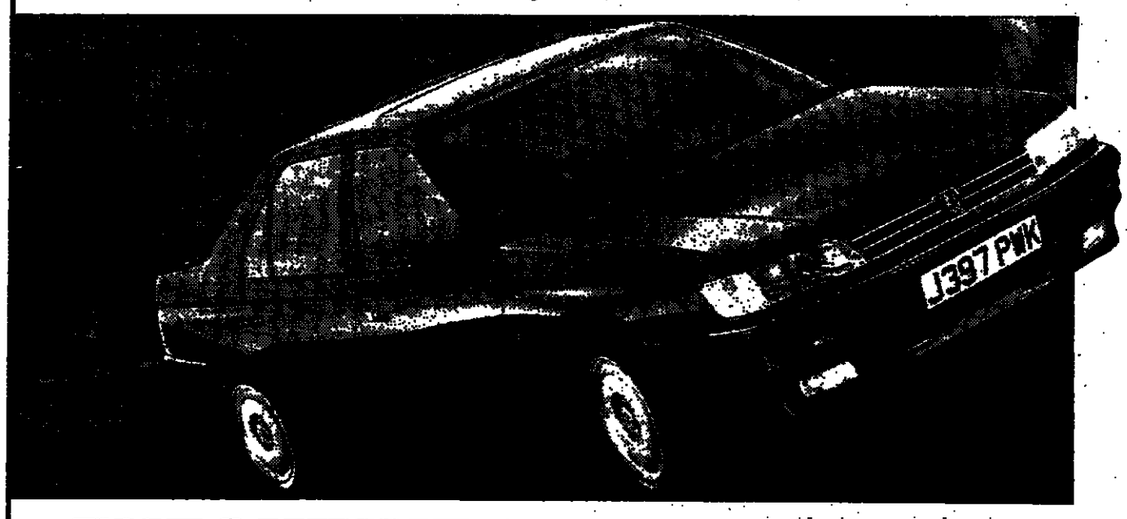
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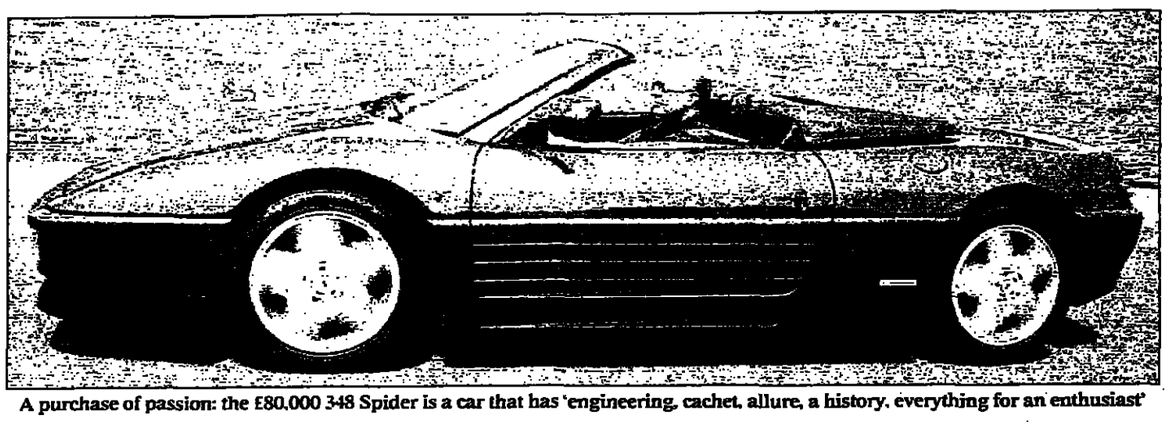
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Kevin Eason reports on two marques unashamedly carrying a message of traditional, high-performance glamour

Do we want cars like these any more?

The Ferrari Spider: nobody needs one — but everyone would like to have the ultimate toy



A purchase of passion: the £80,000 348 Spider is a car that has 'engineering, cachet, allure, a history, everything for an enthusiast'

The grin on Stuart Robinson's face as he gripped the steering wheel through the tightest turn seemed to confirm what could be taken as an outlandish claim. Mr Robinson says he has the best job in Britain as new managing director of Maranello Concessionaires — the British importer of Ferrari cars — starting today.

It is the ultimate job after 26 years in the motor industry working with every size and shape of model from Fiats to Rolls-Royces. He grew up dreaming of owning one of the gleaming sports cars with its yellow prancing-horse badge.

But a word of caution to the new boy: he should avoid pulling one of the low-slung two-seaters up to pubs, restaurants and public places where he could bump into environmentalists, cyclists, horse riders, keep-fit fanatics and anyone else who might see the Ferrari not as an object of desire but a motoring dinosaur.

After all, who needs a Ferrari? Who needs a car that costs eight times the average family saloon, can burn the tarmac with its acceleration, and has all the usefulness of a chocolate teapot?

The luxury car business is in a crisis precipitated by the recession which has bounced around the globe, crushing companies and, as a result, eliminating potential buyers. Ferrari has suffered as much as the other luxury manufacturers with sales plummeting from a 1991 high of 4,400 to 3,500 last year and now expected to fall again to about 3,000 cars this year. In the United Kingdom, sales have dropped from their peak of 250 to 150 but should revive to about 200 annually.

The famous factory at Maranello, in northern Italy, has been shut for several weeks this year after executives decided there was little point in producing cars that had no homes to go to, and the workforce has been cut by about 2,000 to 1,750. Those figures could be the warning that the time of the car as a pure indulgence is over, a victim of grey days of recession when need takes over from desire as a priority.

Ferrari does not think so. Executives believe that the heady days of 1991 will probably never return with annual sales hovering around the 3,000 mark in future. But as long as there are dreamers like Mr Robinson, there will be Ferraris.

Few of us will ever be able to afford one, but we all stop and stare at them and wonder what it would be like to be wedged behind the wheel and controlling so much snarling power.

Mr Robinson found out this week. After getting the call to Maranello, he was still pinching himself over his new job when he discovered his introduction to Ferrari would be the chance to blast around a race track in one of the company's £80,000 cars.

After only a few minutes at the wheel, Mr Robinson was able to admit that no one really needs a Ferrari — but just about everyone wants one. "Cars like these are a passion," he says. "They are an emotional purchase among people who have the money and buy a Ferrari instead of a boat or another expensive toy.

"But what a toy. They have everything: the engineering, the cachet, the allure, a history, everything for an enthusiast who wants to be involved with something which is among the best in the world."

The new managing director's assessment is difficult to dispute after a test drive in Ferrari's latest "toy", the 348 Spider, about £80,000-worth of convertible when deliveries start in the UK in August.

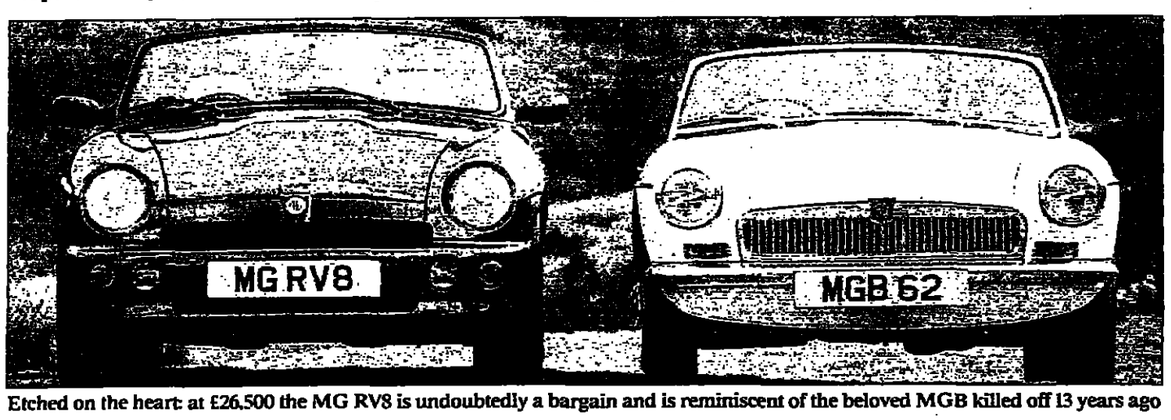
Along with Mr Robinson, I tried the car around Ferrari's spectacular new test track at Mugello, about 30 miles from Florence.

Any convertible with a 3.4-litre V8 mounted midships might be expected to leave driver and passenger deafened for life. Not the Spider, which is refined and relatively quiet. But squirt the throttle, and it reveals its credentials as a true sports car. Handling is firm and confident and there is none of the body shake normally associated with less well-made convertibles.

Remarkably, some of the Spider is even British: mainly bearings plus the clutch from AP in Leamington, Warwickshire, and the Connolly leather interior.

The Spider's top speed of 170mph remained out of reach, but we tore around quickly enough to know we had been in a car with limits far in excess of normal drivers. For Mr Robinson, it was the perfect introduction, if a puzzling one. He has spent the past five years in Hong Kong and Japan and switching from the formality of the Far East to the laid-back approach of the Italians was a culture shock.

"It is so different, it will take some getting used to," he says. "The Japanese are so formal but the Italians are so immediately friendly and agitated. And the cars are terrific. It really is the perfect job. It must be the best job in Britain."



Etched on the heart: at £26,500 the MG RV8 is undoubtedly a bargain and is reminiscent of the beloved MGB killed off 13 years ago

INTRODUCING THE MG RV8

Lining up for a new classic

It is time for the Germans to stop looking smug and for the Italians to stop preening themselves. The MG is back with enough style to rival anything from Porsche and Ferrari.

The only question about Rover's decision to renew the old MG marque is: why did it take so long? Buyers have been clamouring for a revival of the famous MG badge for years.

What executives have discovered is that there are plenty of buyers just waiting to get their hands on the new MG RV8 — 200 in line at the last count, many of whom have not even been able to test-drive the car.

Telephone calls are pouring in from the Continent and now Rover has found a ready market in Japan. The company will be showing the RV8 at the Tokyo Motor Show in October and expects an order book for about 10 per cent of the 2,000 cars planned for production over the next two years.

> Taking the MG out on the road is like stepping back in time

Rover says buyers are typically in their late forties and remember the MG as the leading British sports car badge. They are well-off professionals who have two or three other cars in the family and want a "toy" but do not want to fall into the trap of owning a classic which needs constant attention.

In fact, there is little doubt that buyers are queuing for a piece of motoring nostalgia for taking Rover's new MG out on the road is like stepping back in time.

Even if the edges have been smoothed and the paint looks glossy and new, the RV8 is unmistakably the MGB killed off 13 years ago by the then struggling British Leyland conglomerate.

But there the similarities end for the RV8 is a modern car. In fact, only about 5 per cent of the car — such as door handles and chrome — are from the original MGB design and supplied by component makers who presently service the 50,000 or so original MGs.

Another 20 per cent of the car is redesigned from the original, but 75 per cent — and that includes Rover's glorious V8 — is new.

That 3.9-litre engine, which powers the Range Rover and echoes the last of the MGBs which also had an early version of the same V8, is almost the RV8's most enjoyable asset.

It is a long time since I have driven a car in which I was happy to switch off the radio and listen to the engine burble and roar.

The interior is also a joy of beige leather with a wood fascia which only British manufacturers seem able to produce. Out on the road, the car is swift and manoeuverable even if parking is a little heavy without power steering.

Comparison with a Porsche or Ferrari is pointless, for people who buy the MG RV8 will do so with their hearts as much as their wallets ... although the MG RV8 at £26,500 looks bargain basement against the competition.

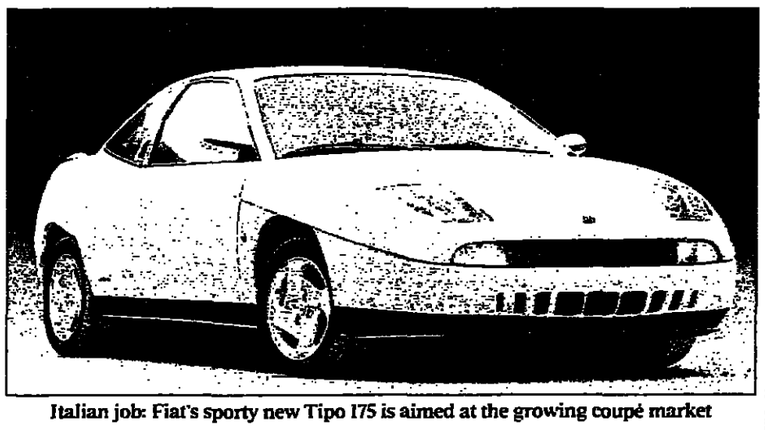
But the RV8 is only the pathfinder. Rover is well on the way to designing a new MG which will be a true successor to the old Midgets and MGBs of earlier years.

That will be designed around Rover's successful K-series engines, which power the present 200 and 400 series models, and come at a budget price.

However, the new MG is about two years away. Until then, enthusiasts will just have to drool over the familiar shape and beautiful rumble of the RV8.

Sleek Fiat starts to fight back

Italian style could be back in fashion if the Tipo 175 proves to be a success



Italian job: Fiat's sporty new Tipo 175 is aimed at the growing coupé market

The shape is sleek and sporty, but this new Italian car will come from Fiat, Ferrari's big brother, *Kevin Eason writes.*

Fiat announced this week that it is to compete head on with Vauxhall's Calibra model for sales in the increasingly popular market for sporting coupés. After manufacture of the old X/19 model ceased, Fiat seemed to wander from its sporting traditions. Now it looks as though it will be coming back fighting with the introduction at the end of this year of the new car, codenamed Tipo 175.

British buyers are unlikely to see the coupé until the middle of next year, when it is suggested that it will be pitched between £18,000 and £20,000, casting it as a direct rival to Calibra.

The Calibra is the sleekest coupé on the market, with a drag coefficient of 0.26 (even the most aerodynamic saloons have a drag factor, known as CD, of 0.3 and worse). Fiat says its new coupé will have a drag factor very close to the Calibra, at 0.28, thanks to smooth styling which comes from a joint venture with the Pininfarina studio, which has a hand in Ferrari among other manufacturers.

Power will come from two versions of a 2-litre, 16-valve engine in normally aspirated and turbo-charged form, offering 140 brake horse power and 190bhp respectively. That will make the top specification cars good for about 150mph.

However, the dramatic styling is likely to attract most attention and underline Fiat's determination to turn around some pretty poor years and to re-establish the company, which has been suffering hard times, not least because of having executives allegedly embroiled in Italy's recent political corruption scandals.

Fiat is investing about £20 billion over five years in producing 18 new models. The coupé will be the one to turn heads; launched this month are revamped versions of the Tipo and Tempra: in the autumn comes a new small car, the Punto, which will line up alongside the Uno but above the "baby" Cinquecento, which is already making a mark on Britain's city streets.

Search is on for Britain's best driver

THE search has started for Britain's best driver, with a prize of a Toyota Carina E 1.6GLi, insured and with car phone for the winner.

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Prize secured

VAUXHALL, meanwhile, has won the prize awarded by Britain's fleet buyers for the best car security systems. The company has won the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association anti-theft award three times before, a reward for investing more than £16 million in deadlock and alarm systems. Ford and Rover were on the shortlist.

Bump and grind

DRIVERS of 4x4 vehicles who want all-terrain fun without ravaging the countryside can now use 16 sites — from Perth in Scotland, to Exeter, Devon — to bump and grind around. The cost is £39 for a day-pass, with tuition available. Further information from Fresh Tracks on 0920 438758.

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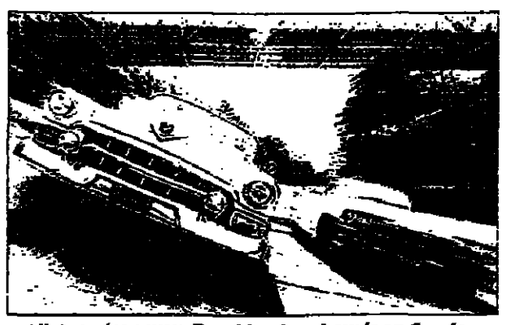
FOR company car drivers confused about their tax bills next year comes a new guide. Fleet Management Services has produced a "ready reckoner", available from The Monklands, Abbey Forgate, Shrewsbury SY1 6HP.

Chrome cruise

FANS of motoring Americana can celebrate July 4 with a show of fins and chrome at the Brooklands American Wheels Car Show. A bevy of beautiful, big cars will be on show after gates open at the vintage race circuit at Weybridge, Surrey, at 10am. Admission: £4 adults, £2 children, or £10 a car.

Honda winner

HONDA has introduced a warranty scheme to cover its used cars. From August 1, the company is providing a one-year parts warranty and a seven-day exchange scheme.



All-American way: Brooklands's show is on Sunday

Saab success

SAAB has been voted the most highly-regarded motor manufacturer by those who sell cars for a living. A survey of motor dealers, by Sewell's International, gave top marks in 11 of 17 categories, covering warranty support, marketing and customer satisfaction.

Well ordered

MERCEDES logged 40,000 orders for its C-class saloon only two days after the car went on sale in Germany. The company believes worldwide orders next year could top 270,000, which is 80,000 more than the annual sale of the 190 series, the car it replaces. The C-class goes on sale here in October and will start a new regime in badging of Mercedes models. For example, diesel cars will carry a badge which says, not surprisingly, "diesel".

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Magic moments in the face of adversity



Rob Andrew, who plays at stand-off against New Zealand tomorrow, compares life on a Lions tour with 52 games for England

My country is England, and I have been proud to play for her. Ieuan Evans will say the same for Wales. Gavin Hastings for Scotland and Nick Popplewell for Ireland. But when you analyse it coldly, the international at Eden Park tomorrow must be the biggest game any of us will have played.

I have been fortunate enough to have appeared in a World Cup final for England and to have been involved with three grand-slam matches, which is the height of ambition for a rugby player in the northern hemisphere. But when you put that kind of experience against the Lions you are not comparing like with like.

Over the last five years a special friendship has grown up among the England players and, for those players, it would be impossible to beat a World Cup final at Twickenham. But the bonds that develop between Lions grow very quickly because of the extraordinary circumstances of a Lions tour.

It's like force-feeding: you draw together the best players from four countries, make them play away from home on the other side of the world and then give them the most difficult itinerary it is possible to devise. In those circumstances you must come together very quickly: you could argue that the comradeship among Lions is borne out of adversity, and that is something special.

There is huge pride in representing the four countries and we have been lucky that so many players, and the coach, have done it before. We have also received an indication of what the Lions mean to New Zealand: I have spoken to people here who remember every detail of, say, the 1959 Lions or those of 1971. The memories burn bright.

But immersed as we are in the tour, we are not so aware of the hopes and expectations of our own followers. I remember at university in 1983 watching the Lions tour of that year on television and understanding it to be special, but here we are, in a sense, cut off: the emphasis is on the All Blacks.

That is to our benefit. We don't see what is being written at home whereas, during the five nations championship or the 1991 World Cup, it is all around, there is no escape. That adds to the pressure whereas here, for us, it is reduced.

But whether you are playing for England or the Lions, the people you play for are those close to the team: the players on the field, the other squad members, the management. I have had enormous satisfaction from this tour after losing the England place to Stuart Barnes in February and the doubt that followed over whether I would even be selected to go to New Zealand.

What has happened over the last six weeks doesn't mean I shouldn't have been dropped by England, or that I will be in the driving seat at home next season. Stuart Barnes and I have had a head-to-head, both of us have played well and I'm very happy that selection has gone my way. But I have no doubt that Stuart will be wanting the Lions to win just as much as I do tomorrow.

But ultimately it is those who play who must want to win for themselves and for each other. Once the whistle is blown you can't depend on anyone else. You have to be certain that the other 14 will give everything; they will never let you down, so you cannot let them down.

It's a very special feeling and when it works, when everything you have planned comes good, there's a magic about it. It has happened on some of England's games in Paris over the last few years: it happened in Wellington last week. Now we must discover it again at Eden Park — just one more time.

Lions fit and ready to meet final onslaught

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN AUCKLAND

JUST now in Auckland little else exists for the rugby players of New Zealand and the British Isles who will meet at Eden Park tomorrow to decide the 1993 series. It is hard not to get caught up by the momentum of a tour now rushing towards its climax, 80 minutes that will determine whether these Lions go home heroes.

Gavin Hastings, the Lions captain, said yesterday that this is the ultimate rugby match. But if victory means the 1993 Lions are a success story, regardless of a modest record outside the internationals, defeat will have awful consequences for the All Blacks. Last year their hierarchy, new to the job, could be forgiven for losing a series to Australia, the world champions, but failure in a home series, too, will provoke demands for change.

This is a nation accustomed to success in rugby, at the end of what has been a poor week in both codes: defeat for the All Blacks and the loss of the rugby league series to Australia. Such public expectation does not make life easier for the home players tomorrow, whereas the Lions, though aware of the hopes of their own rugby community, are a long way from home and can concentrate solely on the task in hand.

They have, too, that priceless commodity, experience. When the party was selected nearly four months ago they appeared almost to have too much of it, but in this situation they are admirably served: seven of their players have been in a series decider before, in Australia four years ago, and there is nothing that an eighth, Peter Winterbottom, does not know about the demands of international rugby.

"Words cannot express what this match means to Peter," Geoff Cooke, the manager, said this week. It will be the last game of rugby for the taciturn Yorkshireman, after 58 caps for England and seven for the Lions; at 33 the scarred face and cold blue eyes will give way to another flanker next season and an era will have ended. Before he goes, Winterbottom, who knows no other gear than overdrive, will leave a final, enduring memory.

The Lions are in a settled frame of mind this week. Before the game in Wellington, there was delay over the announcement of the team and doubt over the fitness of Hastings and Dean Richards, the pack leader. Such doubts are now resolved, all 30 players are fit and the private training session yesterday was the final opportunity to refine areas of the game that have yet to match the Lions' defensive organisation.

They expect their opponents, who trained yesterday at the Sacred Heart College, *alma mater* of Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, to try to raise the tempo, to speed up lineouts and move the ball away quicker from the mauls so that Lee Stensness, the newcomer, can place a more effective attacking mark on proceedings.

"It's fairly obvious that we have surprised a lot of people here," Hastings said. "I'm a great admirer of New Zealand rugby and I enjoy playing here, but I know there is never a weak All Blacks team because of the dedication and ability it takes to become an All Black. But let's not belittle ourselves; we are a good side, too."

That is the belief that has been surging through the Lions all week, which is exemplified by the change in Martin Bayfield during the tour. The Northampton lock has matured out of recognition; no longer the diffidence of the new hand — the return home of Wade Dooley may have had much to do with that — he has accepted responsibility and has flourished.

"His whole personality has changed, he has become a senior partner at the lineout, his input has increased off the field and he is confident," Cooke said. Bayfield has become the towering presence against which the All Blacks have foundered, frustrated by his 6ft 10in and his growing skills about the field: when Kirwan scored in the corner for Auckland the nearest Lions forward was Bayfield.

Few of these Lions will play in a more demanding, intense game; a few of these All Blacks may not play in the national jersey again, should they lose. "If we win it will be the ultimate, of course it will," Hastings said. What it must be to approach such an ambition, knowing it to be firmly in reach.

AUCKLAND TEAMS

NEW ZEALAND: J K R Timu (Otago); J J Kirwan (Auckland), F E Bunce (North Harbour), L Stensness (Auckland), V L Tuigamala (Auckland), G J Fox (Auckland), J P Preston (Wellington), C W Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, capt), O M Brown (Auckland), J W Joseph (Otago), I D Jones (North Auckland), R M Brooke (Auckland), M N Jones (Auckland), A R B Pene (Otago).

Replacements: M J A Cooper (Wellesley), A D Strachan (North Harbour), Z V Brooke (Auckland), M S B Cooksley (Counties), M R Allen (Taranaki), G W Dowd (North Harbour).

BRITISH ISLES: A G Hastings (Watsonians, capt); I C Evans (Llanelli), I S Gibbs (Swansea), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps) C D Morris (Orrell), N J Popplewell (Greystones), B C Moore (Harlequins), J Leonard (Harlequins), B B Clarke (Bath), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester).

Replacements: A Clement (Swansea), W D C Carling (Harlequins), R N Jones (Swansea), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), M C Teague (Moseley).

Referee: P Robin (France).



ROSS KINNAIRD

Forward pressure: Winterbottom helps Clarke to loosen up before the Lions' practice in Auckland yesterday

American sprinter beats gun

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS Nelloms will be listening for the gun tonight. One bang and away, seeking a victory over Linford Christie. But the night he was not anticipating the gun will be the one he will remember for the rest of his life.

Nelloms is in the United States team to face Britain at Meadowbank, running the 200 metres 11 months after being shot from behind while training. The bullet went through his left shoulder blade and came out through his chest, missing his heart by a centimetre.

He had been watching the Olympics on television and, feeling inspired, set off from home on a five-mile run at a quarter past midnight. The last 200 metres, the distance he will sprint tonight in under 21 seconds, took him 40 minutes. He covered it on hands and knees, losing all but four of the body's nine pints of blood on the way. By the time he reached his mother's porch, he was near death.

"The doctors said that if I had got to the hospital five minutes later I would have died," Nelloms, 21, said yesterday. "The bullet shattered the left collarbone, aorta and jugular vein, and went through the left lung."

He was on a life support machine for three days. The crucial minutes separating life from death, he was told later, were gained by virtue of his youth and fitness. "They said that being a good athlete contributed towards saving my life."

Shutting out pain is part of an athlete's psyche, and Nelloms was well-trained. "I did not want to be found in somebody's backyard: I was determined to get home," he said. "I still do not know who did it. I have no enemies I know of. Maybe it was jealousy."

The doctors suggested six weeks' rehabilitation in hospital, but he was out in a week and training two months later. He has a scar on his chest, a hole "not as big as a dime" in his back, and a medal in his pocket: the national collegiate gold won a month ago in a time faster than either Christie or John Regis have run this season.

When the summer season is over, Nelloms will go back to his part-time job ... as an assistant in a funeral parlour.

Walton plots straight course

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN KILKENNY

ON ONE of the longest and most testing golf courses in Europe, one playing every bit of its 7,143 yards because of rain, a big hitter might be expected to lead the Carrolls Irish Open. Enter Brian Marchbank, no hefty hitter he, and Philip Walton, who describes himself as one of the shortest strikers of a ball in Europe.

Marchbank went round the Mount Juliet course in 66, six under par, to take a one-stroke lead over Walton and John McHenry. "How did you do it?" Walton was asked? "I am very straight," Walton replied.

Walton is a new man these days, thanks to his using a broomhandle putter. For most of this season, he has been afflicted by the yips. At worst, at Wentworth in May, he could hardly draw the putter head back and, when he did manage to make a stroke, he often missed the hole completely, even from only a few feet.

At Woburn last month, he swallowed his prejudice against the putter made famous in Europe by Sam Torrance and began to use one himself. Slowly, his confidence returned.

"All of a sudden, I have a sense of freedom around the greens," Walton said yesterday. His putting average has improved from as many as 37 or 38 putts each round to a more workmanlike, but hardly spectacular, 31.

Sharing the lead with Walton was John McHenry, another Irishman, another former Walker Cup player and another to putt unconventionally. McHenry clasps his left forearm and his putter handle with his right hand, *a la* Bernhard Langer. McHenry's round was without blemish, featuring five birdies and no bogeys.

On a day when strange putters and putting styles seemed to be the key to success, Langer went round in 68, four under par. Langer, who feared he might miss this event with the stiff neck that affected him at Baltusrol in last month's US Open, nonetheless relished the challenge presented by a very difficult course in peak condition. "It could be a Ryder Cup venue," he said. "It is a magnificent course, a great layout."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Lunn leads after hot-shoe shuffle

MARDI LUNN, of Australia, produced a round of 66 that was literally blistering, to share the lead with Catrin Nilsmark, of Sweden, on the first day of the Hennessy women's golf cup at Refrath, near Cologne, yesterday (Patricia Davies writes). Lunn set off wearing new shoes, but after three holes her left heel had rubbed raw. She put an old shoe on her left foot and promptly produced an eagle two at the fourth, where her wedge shot found the hole from 67 yards.

The Australian followed up with birdies at the eighth and 10th, then scored three in a row from the 12th, to come home in 32 for one of the best rounds of her career.

"I've finally decided to stop mucking about and get down to it, to practise like everyone else," she said.

Nilsmark, who will always be known as the woman who holed the putt that won the Solheim Cup for Europe for the first time, did not drop a shot. Out in 32, she managed only two birdies at the 14th and 18th, where her 30-yard chip for an eagle three hit the pin.

Sloothaak takes prize

EQUESTRIANISM: Franke Sloothaak, riding his eight-year-old Holsteiner stallion, San Patrignano Corrado, won the Nordrhein-Westfalen Prize at Aachen yesterday after two rounds and a four-way jump-off in 90-degree heat in front of 30,000 spectators. Two of the four riders had clear rounds but Sloothaak, of Germany, was two seconds faster than Jos Lansink, on Bollvorm's Libero H. The Swiss rider, Leslie McNaught-Mandli, and Mark Leone, of the United States, incurred faults at the same fence. Nick Skelton, on Everest Dollar Girl, was the only Briton to qualify, but had to withdraw after aggravating a leg injury. The British squad for the Nations Cup today is John and Michael Whitaker, riding Everest Gammon and Everest Midnight Madness respectively, David Broome, on Lannegan, and Mark Armstrong, riding the eight-year-old mare, Corella.

Ligier lifted by Britons

MOTOR RACING: Mark Blundell will try to end a run of five races in which he has finished outside the points as the Ligier team attempts to build on the new respect it has gained this season in Sunday's French grand prix at Magny-Cours. Blundell and his fellow British driver, Martin Brundle, have risen to fourth in the constructors' championship with a team which had long been derided by Frenchmen.

Jean Alesi has signed a two-year deal with Ferrari.

☐ Jonathan Palmer, the former Tyrrell driver, will replace the late James Hunt as Murray Walker's commentating partner on BBC television on Sunday.

Parker goes four clear

GOLF: Mark Parker, from London, has a four-shot lead after three rounds of the Glenmuir Club Professional Championship at Coventry. Parker, 26, from the Riverside club, went round in 66 yesterday, seven under par, for a three-round aggregate of 202, which is 17 under par. His nearest pursuer in the Scot, Alastair Webster, of Edzell. Parker attributed his fine scoring to recent sessions with a sports psychologist, Chris Linstead. "My concentration is much better and he's got me to focus on just one shot at a time," he said after handing in a card containing eight birdies.

Wright joins Wigan

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan paid Wakefield Trinity around £140,000 yesterday for the stand-off half, Nigel Wright. The 19-year-old's three-year contract at Central Park appears to rule out the club's further interest in Paul Newlove, the Great Britain centre, who has been listed at a world record £750,000 fee by Featherstone Rovers. Wright will partner Shaun Edwards at half back, with Frano Botica switching to full back in place of Steve Hampson, who completed a move yesterday to Halifax. At Salford, Kevin Tamati has been dismissed after four seasons as manager.

Ngugi's ploy spiked

ATHLETICS: John Ngugi, five times the world cross country champion, was yesterday barred from the 5,000 metres race at today's Villeneuve d'Ascq meeting in France, although he is listed as a competitor. The International Amateur Athletic Federation said that Ngugi could not get around a four-year ban for refusing a random drug test, despite an appeal by the Kenyan federation. One of the high spots of the meeting will be Noureddine Morceli's attempt to break Sebastian Coe's 12-year-old 1,000 metres world record of 2min 12.18sec.

Policemen hit heights

THREE PEAKS RACE: The crew of Burtonwood Merseybeat, an F27 trimaran, won the Karramor-sponsored yachting and running challenge yesterday. Skippered by Gareth Owen, the crew of Liverpool policemen completed the course in three days, 19 hours and 45 minutes. In covering 389 miles of coastal sailing and 73 miles of running up Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis, they finished 12 hours ahead of the runners-up. In the monohull class, the Royal Marines took the title after closing a six-hour gap by rowing during their sail from Ravensglass to Fort William.

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Prosecution entitled to re-interview witnesses without leave of judge

Regina v Nadir
Regina v Turner

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment July 1]

A trial judge had no jurisdiction under section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 to rule that the Serious Fraud Office, as prosecutor, was not entitled, without his approval, to re-interview prosecution witnesses and ask them further questions arising out a defence case statement that had been served in accordance with the judge's orders under section 9.

The Court of Appeal so held, when giving a reserved judgment, having on June 8 allowed an appeal by the Serious Fraud Office against an order made by Mr Justice Tucker at the Central Criminal Court during the course of a preparatory hearing in the trial of Mr Asil Nadir and Mr John Turner for theft and false accounting in relation to Polly Peck International plc.

Section 9 provides: "(1) At the preparatory hearing the judge may exercise any of the powers specified in this section ...

"(3) He may determine ... (b) any questions as to the admissibility of evidence; and (c) any other question of law relating to the case."

Subsection (4) gave power to the judge to order the prosecution to supply a case statement setting out, inter alia, the principal facts of the prosecution case and the witnesses who would speak to those facts.

Subsection (5) enabled the judge to order the defendant(s), inter alia, to provide a statement setting out in general terms the nature of the defence and indicating the principal matters on which issue was taken with the prosecution.

Subsection (11) provided that an appeal lay to the Court of Appeal from an order or ruling of the judge under subsection (3)(b) or (c), but only with leave of the judge or the Court of Appeal.

Mr Robert Owen, QC, Mr David Calvert-Smith and Mr Simon Browne-Wilkinson for the Crown: Mr Michael Hopmeier and Miss Michelle Stevens Hoare for Mr Turner; Mr Nadir did not appear and was not represented.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the application for leave was nine days out of time.

It was important that statutorily prescribed time limits should be met, particularly the Serious Fraud Office should set an example by strict observance of the rules. Nevertheless, in view of the general importance of the issue, the necessary extension of time and leave were granted.

The Serious Fraud Office wished to serve a substantial quantity of further evidence on the defence for a preparatory hearing in March.

It had become apparent that a number of witnesses, whose statements had already been served, had been re-interviewed following delivery of the defence case statement.

On the preparatory hearing, before the judge, counsel for Mr Nadir took objection to the Serious Fraud Office approaching existing witnesses for further statements on matters arising from the defence case statement.

The judge, after hearing argument, ruled that the prosecution were not entitled to make use of a defence case statement by re-interviewing prosecution witnesses and asking them further questions arising out of the case statement unless first:

1 The prosecution had drawn up a list of questions which they wished to put to their witnesses;

2 The prosecution had then applied to the court for approval of such questions to be asked of the witnesses;

3 The court had heard submissions from the defence as to whether such questions should be asked, and

4 The court had ruled that such questions could be asked of existing witnesses.

In a supplementary ruling the judge had held that the prosecution were entitled to interview new witnesses on matters arising out of the defence case statement without leave of the court.

Before Mr Owen opened the appeal, Mr Hopmeier raised a preliminary point of jurisdiction, relying on section 9(1), (3)(b) and (c) and (11). He decided, rightly rightly in their Lordships' view, not to pursue his argument as to jurisdiction.

Their Lordships had no doubt that an appeal did lie, subject to leave, on the issue raised by the Serious Fraud Office.

Mr Owen submitted that the director of the Serious Fraud Office had a duty to discharge his functions under the superintendence of the Attorney-General: section 1(2) of the 1987 Act.

Those functions included the exercise of his powers under section 1(3) to investigate any suspected offence appearing to him on reasonable grounds to involve serious or complex fraud.

The judge had no power, Mr Owen said, to curtail the director's powers or to circumscribe his exercise of them. Alternatively, if there was any such power, the judge here had exercised it erroneously.

It was common ground that the Act itself gave no power to the judge to limit or supervise the director's access to witnesses.

However, Mr Hopmeier submitted that the judge's power to make the order he had made derived from the inherent power of a judge to control the trial.

Section 8(1) provided that, if a judge ordered a preparatory hearing, "the trial shall begin with that hearing". So the trial was in being when the judge made his order.

Mr Hopmeier was unable to refer to any authority justifying the course the judge had taken. In their Lordships' judgment the judge had no power to take it.

Clearly the judge had a duty to determine what evidence might go before the jury.

If he considered evidence the prosecution wished to lead would have an adverse effect on the fairness of the trial, he could exclude it under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, subject to a provision in section 3(2) of the 1987 Act.

He also had a general discretion to exclude evidence which was preserved by section 82(3) of the 1984 Act and would allow the judge to exclude evidence he considered more prejudicial than probative. But his powers related to the admission of evidence and conduct of the trial, not to the investigation process.

Their Lordships knew of no judicial power to forbid the prosecution to re-interview witnesses or to re-interview them only under a procedure such as that imposed here.

The director of the Serious Fraud Office was responsible to the Attorney-General. He held a statutory office and had statutory powers and duties to investigate suspected or alleged serious fraud as he thought fit.

If he were to err in his conduct of an investigation, the Attorney-General would be answerable to Parliament for such error and the trial judge would have power to exclude evidence as indicated above.

A view of the judge that nothing should take place which could alert the prosecution witnesses to the general nature of the defence after the case statement, had been supported by Mr Hopmeier in argument.

It was misconceived. It amounted to saying that the prosecution had to disclose their witness statements and the nature of their case so that the defence were not taken by surprise but the defence were entitled to surprise the prosecution witnesses.

One of the main purposes of the procedure introduced by the 1987 Act was to narrow the issues and to avoid either side being ambushed at trial.

Other observations by the judge helped to demonstrate the misconception.

Their Lordships understood the judge's concern that the defence should be encouraged to make full disclosure and his worry that, if information contained in their case statement could be put to prosecution witnesses, there might be an incentive to keep the defence statement less full and helpful than it might be.

However, that consideration was, in their Lordships' view, outweighed by the clear purpose of the 1987 Act to facilitate preparation for trial, to avoid surprise and to expedite proceedings.

It was also conceivable in some cases that disclosure might lead to the withdrawal of a prosecution which the defence case statement had shaken; but for that to happen the prosecution might well need first to re-interview their material witnesses. There would seem to be no ground for distinguishing between witnesses who had already given statements and those who had not.

If questions were to be asked of a prosecution witness after he had been sworn so as to elicit factual evidence not previously served on the defence, there would be a justifiable complaint that notice had not been given.

On purely practical grounds, the order the judge purported to make would, in any event, create difficulty and protract the proceedings. There would have to be a hearing before the judge at which the prosecution's list of questions would be considered.

Should leave be given to ask those questions, they might well produce answers which themselves would require the prosecution to compile a further list of follow-up questions for submission to the judge at another hearing.

Their Lordships were clearly of the view that the order forming the subject of the appeal ought not to have been made. Accordingly it was quashed.

Solicitors: Serious Fraud Office; Hunt & Hunt & Houghtons, Romford.

Corrections

In *R v Jefferson and Others* (*The Times* June 22) Mr Stuart Trimmer appeared for Jefferson and Keogh; Mr Philip Head for Skerritt and Mr David Lee for Readman.

In *R v Sheffield CC, Ex parte Parker* (*The Times* June 29) Mr Justice Tucker allowed the application.

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MARC ASPLAND



Crew with a view: Pinsent, foreground, and Redgrave, beating their Irish rivals in the Silver Goblets at Henley yesterday

Olympic pair begin with record

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE world and Olympic champions, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, of Leander, swept aside their first-round opponents, the Murray brothers from Cappoquin, Ireland, in the Silver Goblets at Henley yesterdy. They were allowed "off the leash" by their coach, Jürgen Grobler, as far as the Barrier, 2,089 feet into the 6,930-feet course, and beat the official record to this point by three seconds, more like four seconds, by Redgrave's in-boat timing — but the stewards still only operate to seconds.

The Leander duo, each now more than 16 stone, 3 stone a man heavier than their Irish opponents, have their eyes focused beyond Henley, — to Atlanta, now that their training costs have been backed by Manulife to the tune of £50,000 a year up to the next Olympics. "Our financial worries are now behind us," said Redgrave, 31 and with a family to support.

But before that they have to take nothing for granted. Their New Zealand rivals, Bill Coventry and Campbell Clayton-Greene from Waikato, beat Broxbourne with ease and should face the Olympic champions in Sunday's final. The British pair have a lot of respect for them.

The record efforts of Redgrave and Pinsentset a trend in the fast conditions. The Harvard and Belfast confrontation in the Britannia coxed fours broke records all the way, Belfast to the Barrier and Harvard to Fawley and the finish with the game Irish always pushing.

Isis, stroked by their new president, Australian Kingsley Poole, rejoiced in equalling the Thames Cup Fawley record at noon only to see it lowered by two seconds by Nottingham County two hours later.

Selected crews, rather than records, tumbled during the day in the Princess Elizabeth Cup. The early race between King's Chester and Phillips Exeter, of the US, had few spectators and deserved more. The Americans' revolutionary boat was described by their deputy coach, David Swift, as "harder to row but with less drag and wetted surface." It also sported two unusual stabilisers. It worked until Fawley, but as Chester pushed at the Mile, Phillips began to flounder, their cox, Josh Dapice, veered, and Chester went through.

Shrewsbury caused another upset by beating Abingdon, but even more spectacular was the defeat of St Edward's, the national schools champions, by Canford. Brisbane stopped the "selected" schools rot and equalled the Fawley record against Holy Cross, Canada.

Queen's University upheld the Canadian cause and toppled the selected Bristol University in the Temple Cup: Durham University's Henley tradition was dented by Leeds in the Visitors.

Fisa World Cup scullers, both male and female, enter the fray today although no pairings of "seeds" will occur until tomorrow. As a result the domestic survivors from the Diamond Sculls yesterday and Britain's top female performers will have the chance to make progress. Of the British women, Sue Key, Kim Thomas and Ali Hall have the best international pedigree. Guin Batten, whose elder sister Miriam and Jo Turvey were rejoicing yesterday in the news that Debenhams will sponsor them this season, pushed Kim Thomas very close at the recent Henley women's regatta.

Boat show kept afloat by colourful sub-plots

At major Irish race meetings there is a small marquee, more of a tent really, designated for the use of "non-racing journalists". It is here that the O'Jennifers of the Emerald Isle sit and smoke and write about fashion, society, the absence of this or that neighbourhood god and the succulence of oysters.

At Henley's Royal Regatta, such a journalistic facility would have to be sizeable for, while there is rowing at the bottom of the enclosure beyond the coffee and ice-cream pavilion down by the crews' Pimms Bar, it is peripheral to the main occupation of Being There. What occurs on the river is certainly the *raison d'être*; it is just that, as with executions after the French Revolution, the spectators do not take it as seriously as the participants.

We went. Went, although we have no blazer and quite especially no blazer of a primary colour with vertical stripes and an emblem with a Latin motto on the breast pocket; went bare-headed, for we have neither panama nor boater. When one is bald, wearing starched straw next to the skull is painful. A cricket cap would have been acceptable; we used to have a pink cap with a black Maltese cross at prep school — discarded it the year we kept wicket for the first XI and long-stop won the fielding cup.

Why then, you may ask, did we go to Henley? I wish there was an easy answer. We would like to be able to write that it was for the rowing but, even from the best vantage point, all you can see is a couple of boats coming towards you and it is not until they are upsides that you can tell who is in front. We wanted to become involved, the way we were involved being shuttled from car park to car park before settling in a distant field for £13, providing the farmer with a yield of over £500 an acre a day to enhance his set-aside grant.

We noticed that for each race there was a judge's launch carrying eight people for ballast in the stern, so queued at a gate marked This Way For Launch ticket-holders.

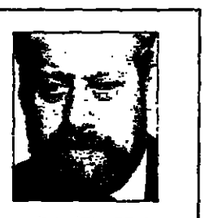
"How do we get a ticket?"

Ask a judge.

"We don't know any judges; have a friend at the Serious Fraud Office."

"Go forth," said the security man, not actually using those words.

An engaging woman in the secretary's tent confirmed that seats on a judge's launch can be obtained only from judges, coaches or crew. There was no black market, no touts; so we did what others at Henley did — hung around and paid attention to the sub-plots.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

At the entrance to the Stewards' Enclosure, for which we had a ticket, a security man bade us put on our jacket. The fact that the temperature was in the mid-80s was secondary to Henley's Byzantine sartorial rules which, *inter alia*, bar ladies in trousers and everyone wearing short skirts.

The Thames is wide and a substantial number of oddballs contribute to the general air of festivity: a woman dressed in a heliotrope dress inexpertly punted herself along the side of the river like a Venetian hooker or the aqua-equivalent of a kerb-crawler. There was a small boat from the Royal Life Saving Society; a man sat in a dinghy speaking into a mobile telephone — rumour had it that he was on duty for the local Samaritans.

And every five minutes or so, the wonderfully eclectic crews rowed past — eights and fours and pairs, the latter sometimes with and sometimes without a cox, who as often as not sits in the front, looking ahead — simply steering, when in olden days he sat in the back and ruled the boat. An added disadvantage to this new cox position is that the lead oarsman bangs the cox in the back of the neck at the end of every stroke.

Among notable crews were: Thames Tradesmen — we think we recognised their No 4 as the man who installed our television set; AS de l'Institut d'Études Politiques, France, who steered to the right which is now their policy; and a number of boats bearing multiple names — like Christ Church and Pembroke, not so much dream tickets as marriages made in bursars' offices.

To get the very best out of Henley you should have interests: like a son at Radley, whose eight looks set to win the Princess Elizabeth; mutton chop whiskers and Edwardian finery, which can so seldom be given outings, and, provided you have a parking place, a bootful of champagne on ice, quails' eggs with celery, pepper and bowls of summer pudding with Cornish cream.

Also you should be thin; we were the only non-thin person and wished we looked more dashing like Ted Dexter — though perhaps this is not the time to look like Ted Dexter.

West Bromwich act against Ardiles

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WEST Bromwich Albion announced yesterday that they are to sue Osvaldo Ardiles, their former manager, for "substantial damages" after he walked out on the first division football club to take charge at Tottenham Hotspur.

A writ has been issued by the solicitors, Coucher and Shaw, for alleged breach of contract. Albion are considering issuing further writs against the Tottenham chairman, Alan Sugar, and the club itself.

Trevor Summers, the Albion chairman, said: "We feel that we are entitled to legal redress as we feel that the decision of Mr Ardiles to walk out was totally unacceptable. We are also pushing the Football Association to take action against Spurs."

Albion's club solicitor, Graham Woodward, said: "I expect Mr Ardiles to settle this action out of court. The only real question is how much he will pay. We have a figure in mind but at the moment all I am willing to say is that it will be substantial."

Ardiles's problems at White Hart Lane increased further when David Howells became the third player to ask for a transfer in the wake of the dismissal of Terry Venables as the club's chief executive. Howells, 25, followed Neil Ruddock and Vinny Samways in submitting a transfer request.

Ian Porterfield, the former Chelsea manager who was dismissed by the club last season, has been put in charge of the Zambian national team, two months after 18 players and seven officials were killed in a plane crash. Porterfield has been given the task of getting Zambia to the 1994 World Cup finals. It was while travelling to Senegal for a World Cup qualifying match in April that the team's plane crashed into the sea.

Porterfield, who has also managed Sheffield United, Aberdeen and Reading, was approached by John Fashanu earlier this month after the Zambian government asked the Wimbledon captain to find a British coach for their national team.

"I'm absolutely delighted to take on such a great challenge. I want to help Zambia as much as possible," Porterfield said. He has just a few days to prepare his side for their next World Cup qualifier, against Morocco, on Sunday.

Eight Barnet players have been asked to withdraw their requests for free transfers in another attempt to save the debt-ridden club. A new backer has been found to join Stephen Glynne and three others, four of a ten-man consortium who withdrew their takeover bid last week when the Football League asked for a further £500,000 bond to ensure Barnet's second division status next season. However, the new interest is only expected to develop if the eight players withdraw their demands.

Jorge Burruchaga, the Argentina international, yesterday became the second Valenciennes player to be charged with corruption in connection with an alleged attempt to fix a French league match by Marseilles, the European champions.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES AT HENLEY

Thames Cup
Holders: Lea
Second round
Thames Tradesmen's A bt Marlow, 2½ lengths, 6mins 35secs
Thames bt Bedford A, ½l, 6.33
Upper Thames bt York City, 2½l, 6.36
Cambridge 99 bt Dartmouth B (US), 1¼l, 6.28
Imperial College, London bt Harvard, University B (US), ½l, 6.19
Isis Boat Club A bt Soc d'Encouragement (Fr), easily, 6.27
Neptune bt Kingston, 3½l, 6.26
Nottinghamshire bt London, 1l, 6.12
Brown University (USA) bt Lea A, 4½l, 6.25
Nottingham and Union bt Bewdley, easily, 6.34

Temple Cup
Holders: Imperial Colege
Second round
Trinity College, Dublin bt Jesus College and Downing College, Cambridge, 1½l, 6.26
Queens College, Cambridge bt Pembroke College and Downing College, Cambridge, 3¼l, 6.43
Queens University (Can) bt University of Bristol, 1l, 6.25
Westminster School v Exeter College and Queen's College, Oxford and Belmont Abbey School, 3l, 6.39
Lady Margaret, Cambridge bt Eton College, ½l, 6.34
University of Wales, Cardiff bt Newcastle University, 1¼l, 6.27

Wyfold Cup
Holders: Nottinghamshire County A
Second round
London Rowing Club B bt Wallingford, easily, 6.55
Leander Club bt London Welsh, 2½l, 7.16
Scottish Argonauts bt Hereford, 4l, 7.04
Vesta bt Nottingham and Union, 1¼l, 7.11
London bt Stourport, 2½l, 6.48

Britannia Cup
Holders: Goldie
Second round
Nottingham and Union bt Thames Tradesmen's B, 1¼l, 7.17
City of Oxford A bt Bath University, ½l, 7.11
Carlow (Ire) bt Newark, 2¼l, 7.24
University of London bt Thames Tradesmen's A, 1¾l, 7.17
Goldie bt London A, 4¾l, 6.29

Princess Elizabeth Cup
Holders: Pangbourne
Second round
King's School, Chester bt Phillips Exeter (US), ¾l, 6.28
Radley College bt Pangbourne College A, 1¾l, 6.29
Brisbane Boys College (Aus) bt Holy Cross School (Can), 4l, 6.26
Shrewsbury School A bt Abingdon School, 1½l, 6.33

Double Sculls
Holders: Dickison and Hallett
First round
Reddin and Crawford bt Brendan and Brenden, easily, 7.38
Otto and Hauslaitner bt Waller and Clark, 1¼l, 7.21
Rudkin and Kittermaster bt Wensley and Kay, easily, 7.35
Hopkins and Pollecutt bt Worden and Rudaz, ¼l, 7.19
Booth and Fletcher bt Fage and Nigel, easily, 7.45
Collins and Lees bt Clarke and Hooker, 4l, 7.30

Silver Goblets
Holders: Gillard and Clay
First round
Richardson and Chilton bt Burdis and Reid, ¾l, 7.39
Michailidanos and Metcalf bt Hartland and Cheveley, easily, 7.52
Walmsley and Stevenson bt McGuckin and Mullins, 3l, 7.55
Redgrave and Pinsent bt Murray and Murray, 3l, 7.46
Walker and Moore bt Lucas and Goodwin, 2l, 7.39
Coventry and Clayton bt Ward and Baker, easily, 8.19l
Weedon and Smith bt Jackson and Jump, 4l, 7.57

Diamond Sculls
Holders: Henderson
First round
J E Heath bt M Hackett, 1¼l, 8.14
D R Tracey bt D E Jillings, not rowed out, 8.27
M A Ury bt J Howell, easily, 8.36
A E Gaylard bt R D Gee, easily, 8.19
M P Burbanks bt R L Colborne, easily, 8.14

Queen Mother Cup
Holders: Stromstads
First round
Upper Thames B bt St Andrew, 4l, 7.07
Upper Thames A bt Dreadnought Scullers, 2l, 7.18
City of Oxford bt London, 4¼l, 8.57
Nautique De Lyon (Fr) bt Henley, easily, 6.55

Visitors Cup
Holders: Durham University
First round
Leeds University bt Durham University, 1l, 7.1
Imperial College, London bt University College, London, easily, 7.11

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

EQUESTRIANISM
AACHEN: Grand prix qualifier: 1, R Passos (Loro Piana Special Envoy, Br); 2, F Sloothaak (San Patrignano Weltwiesel, Ger); 3, J Whitaker (Everest Gammon, GB); Nordrhein-Westfalen Prize: 1, F Sloothaak (San Patrignano Corrado, Ger); 2, J Lansink (Bollworm's Libero, H (Holl)); 3, M Leone (Crown Royal Artos, US).

BASEBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 5, Houston Astros 4; New York Mets 7, Florida Marlins 1; Montreal Expos 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Atlanta Braves 3, Colorado Rockies 2; St Louis Cardinals 9, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Chicago Cubs 10, San Diego Padres 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, San Francisco Giants 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 4, Chicago White Sox 2; New York Yankees 7, Detroit Tigers 0; Baltimore Orioles 6, Toronto Blue Jays 0; Boston Red Sox 12, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Seattle Mariners 5, Minnesota Twins 3, Texas Rangers 5, Kansas City Royals 4, Oakland A's 5, California Angels 4

BASKETBALL
MUNICH: European championships: Quarter-finals: Greece 61, France 59; Russia 82, Estonia 61.

CRICKET
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Ipswich: Cambridgeshire 199-8 dec (B Roberts 87, D P Norman 56; R R Gregg 5-60). Suffolk: 196-7 (D Graham 91 not out, P J Casey 43).
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Hove: Sussex 323 (B T P Donelan 78, M T E Peirce 72, C C Remy 51; M R Bainbridge 5-72); Surrey 31-0. Derby: Somerset 300-8 dec (K J Parsons 72, G Bennett 51); Derbyshire 49-0. Uxbridge: Hampshire 203 (W S Kendall 55); Middlesex 88-0. Luton: Northamptonshire 379-7 dec (W M Noon 133, J Snape 74, S Fleming 74; M M Patel 4-105) v Kent. Chester-le-Street: Leicestershire 124 (P J Berry 8-10); Durham 131-3 (N Peat 54). Sheffield: Warwickshire 428-8 dec (M Burns 172, W Khan 54, P A Booth 50 not out; C Silverwood 4-74). Yorkshire 31-0. Old Trafford: Lancashire 282 (I D Austin 83), Glamorgan 58-1.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Woodbridge 35, Framlingham 37-0; Harvey GS 237-5 dec, St Lawrence, Ramsgate, 200-4; XL Club 166 (T Hicks 7-76), Clayesmore 167-1; Mill Hill 133, Merchant Taylor's, Northwood, 136-3; Durham 269-2 (C Clark 113 not out), XL Club 145-8; XL Club 238-6 dec, Dover College 243-4; Birkenhead 190-4 dec, Merchant Taylor's, Crosby, 166-8; Incognito 219-6, Bancroft's 222-1 (C Greenhill 115 no); MCC 196-8 dec, Christ's College, Brecon, 173-8; King's Bruton 195-4 dec (D Fowlston 101 not out), Downside 180; Perse 171, Bishop's Stortford College 172-5 (I Bateman 113); Gentleman of Essex 284, Colchester RGS 222-8, XL Club 179, Ombey 182-4, Mealing 174-4 dec, Barton Peveril 175-3; St Edmund's, Oxford, 227-5 dec, Oundle 118-6, RGS Guildford 165, Eltham 102-9; Gentleman of Berkshire 249-7 (K Wright 143), Kimbolton 252-3; Enfield GS 201-5 dec, Verulam 93; Blundell's 254-6 (I Gompertz 115), King's Taunton 208-4; The Pioneers 134, Sevenoaks 135-6. MCC 263-1 dec (T Howland 100), Hurstpierpoint 264-3; St Dunstan's College 273-3 dec (J Bennett 114), Caterham 225; Ardingly 294-6, XL Club 230-4.

FOOTBALL
COPA AMERICA: Semi-final: Mexico 2, Ecuador 0 (in Quito).

GOLF
MOUNT JULIET, County Kilkenny: Carrolls Irish Open: Leading first-round scores: 67: P Walton, J McHenry. 68: A Lebour (Fr); B Langer (Ger); V Singh (Fiji). 69: P-U Johansson (Swe); R Goosen (SA); W Riley (Aus). 70: A Bossert (Switz). 71: C Rocca (It), R Davis (Aust); G Day (US). J Haeggman (Swe); R Lee; S Richardson, A Forsbrand (Swe); A Oldcorn. 72: S Ames (Trn), D J Russell; C Moody; S Torrance (Den); R Alvarez (Arg); R Mann; A Johnstone (Zim); A Hunter, M James; M Farry (Fr); C Mason, J Robson. 73: J Hobday (SA); S Ballesteros (Sp); C Whitelaw (SA); E Darcy; D Smyth, M Sludds, F Nobilo (NZ); W Wegner (SA); B Longmuir; A Cotton; D Hospital (Sp). 74: G Levenson (SA), C Montgomerie, I Palmer (SA), J M Canizares (Sp), M Mackenzie; S Lyle, N Goulding; R Boxall, B McGovern, D Jones, A Gilner (Swe).
COVENTRY: Glenmuir Club Professional championship: Leading third-round scores: 202: M Parker (Rivenside). 68, 68, 66. 206: A Webster (Ecclesall), 64, 71, 71. 207: J Higgins (Kelley), 66, 72, 69; B McColl (Northenden), 72, 66, 69.
REFRATH, Germany: Hennessy Women's Cup: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 68: M Lunn (Aus); C Nesmark (Swe). 69: H Alfredsson (Swe). 69: L Hackney; D Penzo (US). J Kilmark (Swe). 70: M-L de Lorenzo (Fr); G Stewart. D Dowling; L Davies; K Lunn (Aus); F Descampe (Bel). 71: K Parker (US); T Johnson, P Wright; A Sheppard; J Forbes, H Dobson; A Sorenstam (Swe). 72: F Dassu (It), V Michaud (Fr), L Neumann (Swe); J Soulsby; C Panton-Lewis; R Lautens (Switz); D Reid; S Moon (US); V Pizi (Fr). 73: M Burstrom (Swe); J Shearwood (Aus). S Waugh (Aus); S Lemmer (Ger); L Mentz; Adams (SA); D Bernard, L Sugg (US); C Dibnah (Aus).
MARIANSKE LAZNE, Czech Republic: European amateur team championship: First round: 368: Sweden. 380: England (70 M Stanford. 71: S Cage, J Prince. 73: I Pyman. 75: L James. 77: W Bennett). France. 385: Scotland (70: S Gallacher 73: G Hay, D Robertson. 74: R Russell. 75: D Kirkpatrick. 76: A Reid). Germany, Norway. 386: Ireland (71. G McGimpsey. 72: P Harrington. 74. G Murphy, N Anderson. 75: J Fanagan 77: R Burns). 388: Wales (72: C Evans, C O'Carroll, M Mackay. 75. P Johnson. 77: R Dinsdale. 79: B Dredge). 370: Austria. 372: Denmark. 373: Italy. 374: Finland, Greece. 375: Belgium. 376: Portugal. 380: Spain. 385: Iceland. Switzerland. 390: Czech Republic.

SWIMMING
EDINBURGH: Scottish national championships: Winners: Men: 50m freestyle: J Bradley (Milngavie and Bearsden), 24.49sec. 1,500m freestyle: I Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 15:48.57. 200m breaststroke: N Hudghton (City of Dundee), 2:22.56. 100m Butterfly: E Stewart (City of Dundee), 56.67. 200m medley: F Walker (Warrender), 2:09.14. Women: 50m freestyle: A Sheppard (Milgavie and Bearsden), 27.08. 200m freestyle: A Pendrich (Cumbernauld), 2:06.04. 100m backstroke: H Slater (Warriors of Warrington), 1:05.32. 200m butterfly: A MacKay (Warriors of Warrington), 2:23.45.

WORD GAMES

Answers from page 40

BUDGEREE
(a) Good, excellent. Australian colloquial, from the Aboriginal word: *A budgerigar means a good gar or cockatoo:* "They very frequently, at the conclusion of the dance, would apply to us for our marks of approbation, which we never failed to give by often repeating the word *budgeree*, which signifies *good*; or *budgeree carriberie*, a good dance."

METABOLON
(c) Obsolete Physics, a radioactive atom produced in the process of radioactive disintegration, from the Greek *metaballein* to change; Rutherford: "The various metabolons from the radio-elements are distinguished from ordinary matter by their great instability and consequently rapid rate of change."

TORRY
(a) To provoke and fight a bull, from the Spanish *torear* to fight a bull, be a bullfighter: "The white Torero — him who took the toss sky-high upon the black horns of the Cross, for torrying the horned Prince of Death."

RAZETEUR
(a) A member of a bull-fighting team which engages in a *razet*, from the Provençal *razet*, a contest in which teams of combatants compete to snatch a rosette from between a bull's horns: "The razeteurs, the young men who get their name from the razet, or running half circle, which they describe in their efforts to snatch the bull's cocarde."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
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Middlesex struggle to contain Richards

BY IVO TENNANT

CARDIFF *(first day of four; Glamorgan won toss)*: *Glamorgan have scored 319 for three wickets against Middlesex*

EVERYWHERE you looked at Sophia Gardens yesterday there was someone who could well have been at Trent Bridge instead and, even if you did not look, there was a Welshman to remind you so. Still, the longer Glamorgan keep their side intact, the greater the likelihood of outplaying their opponents as they did yesterday.

Not that Morris or Maynard were greatly among the runs here. It would be quite unwise to speculate at the moment whether Dale will ever play for England but suffice to say his century was good enough for Richards, the great Richards, to applaud him into the pavilion. Together they had put on 182 by the close, and were intent on adding plenty more.

Glamorgan are 16 points behind Middlesex, the leaders, so the importance to them of this match cannot be emphasised too highly. They have not made a habit in recent times of remaining in contention for the title.

Richards was three short of his 114th century at the close, which will mean, if he completes this morning he will be just three behind Bradman, having concentrated as fiercely as he can have done for some while.

Dale was born in South Africa, *ergo* he will have a better chance of playing for England than anyone who has Wales as his birthplace. That, at any rate, is what they are saying here.

There was a feeling that the crowd yesterday was the best for the first day of a match at Cardiff since the championship was last won in 1969.

If there is also a belief that the sum of this side is greater than its parts, it cannot be doubted that Richards remains too formidable a batsman to become, as it were, an exhibition cricketer.

Richards came in earlier than he should have done, Maynard having been out through a sloppy one-handed drive to cover off Feltham.

Morris, too, got himself out through a swish outside off stump, but it does not do to be too churlish considering he became the first batsman in the country to reach 1,000 runs for the season. The stroke with which he did so, which took him off the mark, was a sumptuous cover drive.

James had given the innings a worthy start, but Dale looked a different player when partnered by Richards. Between lunch and tea, when Emburey and particularly Tufnell bowled far better than their figures suggest, they were bent on consolidation. Thoughts of centuries followed later.

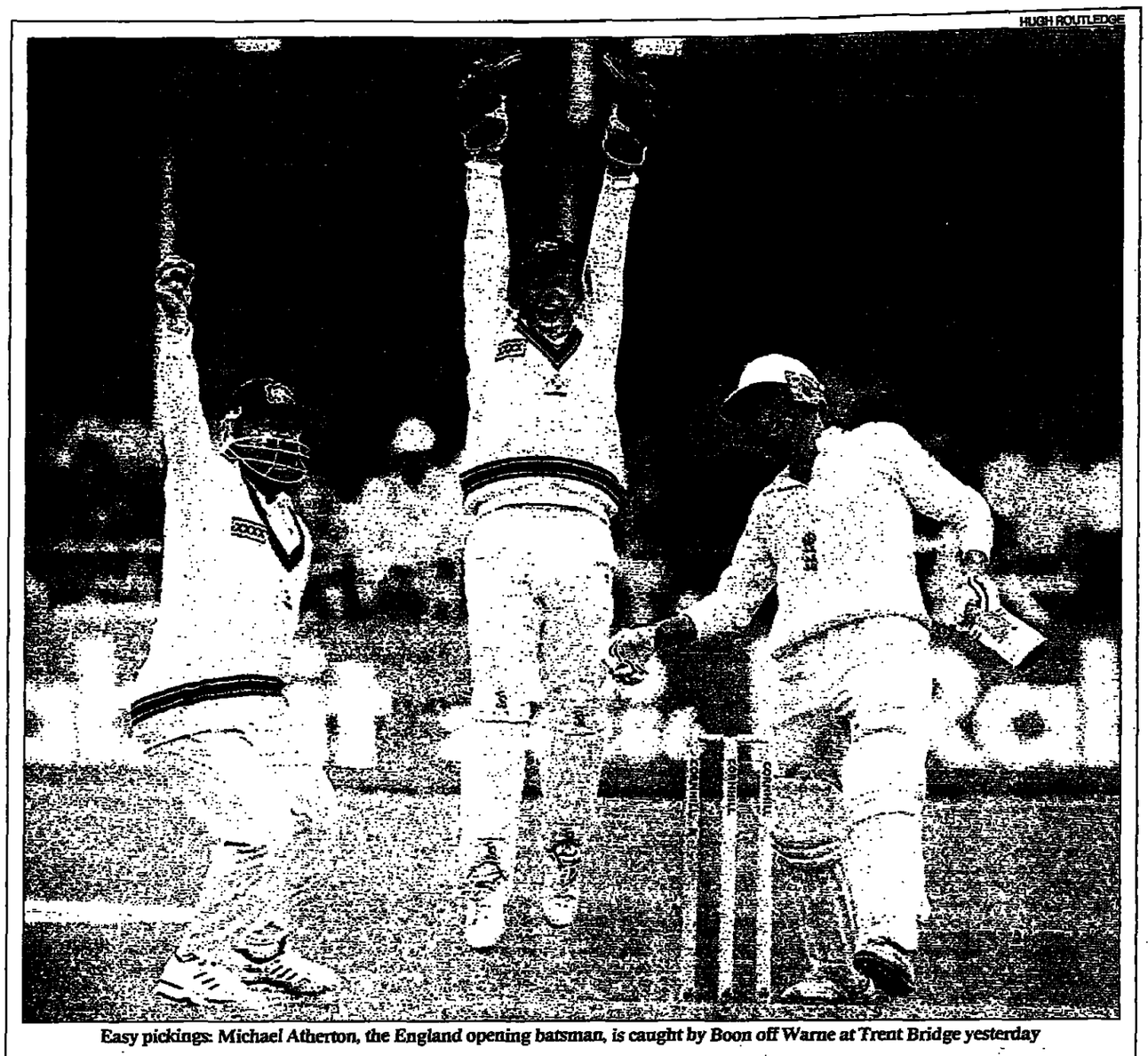
In that he was gaining considerable turn, Tufnell reproached himself — and on occasion Dale — for not gaining more than the wicket of James. That came in his first over of a spell which read 35-6-75-1. Dale and Richards played him as well as they did Emburey. Only one chance was given, a stumping when Richards was on 37, but this is not the age of specialist wicketkeepers.

By tea, Richards had batted 90 minutes for 26. Afterwards, he dispelled the notion that he no longer has the concentration to play a long innings, driving straight and through the covers with a sense of timing not dimmed by the passing years. This brought him virtually all of his 16 fours.

Dale collected his second century of the season with less panache, but no one was more delighted than his partner.

□ Merv Hughes, the Australian fast bowler, has told Hampshire he is not interested in playing county cricket next season because of Australia's busy winter schedule. Hampshire had considered approaching Hughes as replacement for the West Indian, Malcolm Marshall, who is retiring from county championship cricket at the end of the season.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Easy pickings: Michael Atherton, the England opening batsman, is caught by Boon off Warne at Trent Bridge yesterday

Courageous Smith turns back the clock

Michael Henderson warms to an England batsman determined to put disappointment behind him

Perversely, for such an assertive batsman, Robin Smith's five-year journey towards international maturity has been consumed by more self-doubt than even Julie Andrews endured in the von Trapp household. Although he averages 47 over 43 Tests, his bold public manner has often run counter to private uncertainty.

Less than two months ago, the Australian off spinner, Tim May, snared him twice at Lord's, when his anguish could not have been more evident. Here Smith ran free, like Maria through the Alpine meadows. One could almost hear him sing: "When the ball bites, when the pitch spins, when my footwork's bad, I simply remember my favourite things and then I don't feel so sad."

High on his tick list would be the leg stump half-volleys Julian served up, apparently for the sole benefit of playing England's most belligerent Test batsman back into his most assured form. If, as we have recently been told, balls are pies, Julian delivered enough yesterday to occupy the whole of Melton Mowbray for a month.

In such matters, strength cannot be defined in physical terms. It is an inner quality which enables some men to slip their mental chains while others remain prisoners. Hick is no nearer cracking the Test code now than he was two years ago. Smith, whose technical problems are different but no less real, is wisely trusting his truest instincts.

A cheer went up when he successfully defended his first ball from Shane Warne, his chief tormenter at Old Trafford. By then Smith was so intoxicated by his early success against Hughes and Julian that his best shots returned freely to him. By taking the fight to the spinners he put them under pressure and then resoundingly punished the full tosses which followed.

For nearly an hour after lunch he played like the man who announced his arrival as a Test batsman when the Australians were last here. Then he made hundreds at Old Trafford and Trent Bridge as others lost their heads. A third century was imminent until Julian, in part atonement for his earlier dross, held that instinctive return catch.

Unfettered strokeplay is one of the appealing aspects of Smith's cricket. Another is his respect for the game's etiquette. He is sufficiently old-fashioned to respond to applause by raising his bat in the time-honoured tradition.

Some may feel this is a rather obvious point but it is clearly lost on Hussain who, on completing his diligent half-century, waved his bat towards the dressing-room and in doing so failed to acknowlege properly the crowd, who deserved better. By such kindnesses do games live and die.

Graveney hands Surrey early initiative

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

THE OVAL *(first day of four; Durham won toss)*: *Surrey have scored 473 for nine wickets against Durham*

GIVEN first innings by courtesy of David Graveney, Surrey made 473 for nine against Durham yesterday. They never really looked like finishing with many fewer, only Monty Lynch of the first five batsmen coming away empty-handed. There were big partnerships for the first wicket and the fourth and a first hundred of the season for Alistair Brown, who could, conceivably, be a rising star.

In choosing to field, Graveney was clutching at the very flimsiest of straws. The sun had been up since early morning and, although the pitch had quite a lively bounce to it, it was still too lovely a day to forgo the chance of batting. Until lunchtime, too, Surrey, had they been asked to field, would have had to make do without the bowling of Martin Bicknell, while he made his way down from Trent Bridge after being left out by England.

After 13 overs, Surrey were already 66 for no wicket. Not until 25 minutes into the afternoon did a wicket fall, by when the score, in the 39th over, had reached 165. In his first innings of the season for Surrey's first team, Atkins beat Darren Bicknell to his 50. Two big fellows, they put the bat to ball and had just taken 17 off Woods's second over of the afternoon when Bicknell was bowled in his next. For a year or two, the left-handed Darren Bicknell has looked to the sort of player who would make runs in Test cricket.

If he can keep his weight down, Wood could become a genuinely fast bowler. He is Yorkshire-born and fiery. Botham wobbled the ball about enough to find the odd edge in the morning and Cummins produced an occasional Barbadian thunder cracker. But it was Bainbridge, with his unsung medium-pacers, who became the first Durham bowler to take five wickets in a championship innings this season.

As for their over-rate, if they could be suitably fined for it, Durham might be persuaded to play a more balanced attack. They eventually fell the best part of an hour behind schedule.

Ward and Brown had been having rather lean seasons until now. The English counties are full of good natural timers of the ball and, among the young ones, none is capable of hitting it harder than Brown. The stroke with which he reached his 50, an extra-cover drive off Botham, went for six without ever rising much more than 20 feet from the ground. Three of the eight fastest hundreds in the 1992 season — 71, 78 and 79 minutes — were made by Brown. Yesterday's took him 108 balls and was, in fact, comparatively studied, but with every over taking the best part of five minutes to bowl and Graveney hardly turning his arm over, nothing was ever fast and furious, whatever the day's tally may suggest.

Lewis's wickets regain advantage

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

CHRIS Lewis, having exhausted the patience of the England selectors, doubled his total of championship wickets this season by taking four for 58 in helping Nottinghamshire to bowl out Northamptonshire for 212 at Northampton yesterday.

His most important wicket was that of the in-form Robert Bailey, whose rapid 63 was threatening to wrest the initiative away from the bowlers in a match between sides handily placed in the championship.

Northamptonshire hit back strongly by taking the first four wickets for 37, but Nottinghamshire rallied to 162 for seven with the captain, Tim Robinson, who made two centuries in the win over Glamorgan, contributing a valuable 51.

Chris Broad, who hit his first century since his return from Nottinghamshire, and Dean Hodgson put on 279 for the Gloucestershire first wicket in five hours against Hampshire at Bristol, a county record at headquarters — heady stuff from a side with only six batting points to show from its first seven games. Hodgson was unbeaten with 156, a career best, when Gloucestershire closed at 342 for two.

Essex were so badly affected by injuries and Test calls that they gave debuts to three young players against Kent at Maidstone, where John Stephenson emphasised his value to the side by taking three wickets in 11 overs before Mark Benson (96) and Nigel Llong (89) put on 158 for the fourth wicket as Kent reached 304 for five.

Leicestershire and Warwickshire both failed to make the best use of century opening partnerships. Boon (85) and Briers (58) put on 132 at Grace Road, where Lancashire clawed their way back to reduce the home side to 287 for eight.

Warwickshire finished at 289 for eight against Yorkshire despite a century from Andy Moles who played with unusual freedom for his 113, which include 18 fours.

Nick Folland, filling in as an opening batsman, scored a maiden hundred at Taunton, where Somerset, put in by Sussex, ran up 418 for six after two wickets from Ian Salisbury has put them in some trouble at 92 for three. Neil Burns and Graham Rose completed the recovery by putting on 123 for the sixth wicket.

Worcestershire took a firm grip on Derbyshire at Kidderminster, bowling them out for 251 and then replying with an unbroken stand of 118 between Tim Curtis and Phil Weston.

Spin subdues Cambridge

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S *(second day of three)*: *Cambridge University, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 124 runs behind Oxford University*

JASON Gallian, the Oxford captain, decided to play the hard way — as befits an Australian on the losing end of this fixture last year — and so far the tactic has paid off.

First, he batted on yesterday morning, seeing Oxford's total reach 400 and Lovell score a timely century before he declared. Then, with Cambridge appearing to have the little matter of scoring 251 runs to avoid following on well in hand, he shuffled his side's bowling so astutely that the last four Cambridge wickets fell in 38 balls for 12 runs; and Cambridge, ten runs adrift, were in again.

Apart from learning that removing John Crawley for less than a hundred opens up all sorts of possibilities, the Oxford captain will have confirmed several things about his own men; not least, the capability of Jeh, his excitable but distinctly sharp opening bowler, to scythe through the tail. Yesterday, Jeh took 3 for 6 in 15 balls to do just that.

Then there was the usefulness of having bowlers such as the leg-spinning Trimby, and Macmillan, an off-break bowler who exudes confidence and tweaks even when he does not turn. These two shared six wickets. Macmillan sent Cambridge sliding from 160 for 3 to 168 for 6 as he took three wickets, without cost, in 30 balls; Trimby stood up well to a savaging by Charlesworth to emerge with three good wickets.

The way for Cambridge had been pointed eloquently by Crawley, whose 63 runs dominated the early part of Cambridge's innings, and came from only 76 balls. For an hour and a quarter he looked every inch a cricketer for the future at the highest level: this was quality batting.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

County championship

Warwicks v Yorks

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 289 for six wickets against Yorkshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Batty b Hartley	113
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Gough	47
D P Ostler c Byas b Hartley	28
T L Penney c and b Stemp	115
*D A Reeve lbw b Jarvis	53
P A Smith c Byas b Stemp	3
R G Twose lbw b Gough	0
T A Munton b Jarvis	0
†P C L Holloway not out	2
N M K Smith not out	0
Extras (b4, lb11, w3, nb10)	28
Total (8 wkts, 110 overs)	289

A A Donald to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-140, 2-195, 3-204, 4-250, 5-266, 6-287, 7-287, 8-289

BOWLING: Jarvis 23-5-82-2; Gough 21-4-58-2; Hartley 12-2-46-2; White 8-2-23-0; Stemp 29-16-33-2; Batty 17-5-32-0

YORKSHIRE: *M D Moxon, A A Metcalfe, R B Richardson, D Byas, †R J Blakey, C White, P W Jarvis, P J Hartley, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty

Bonus points: Warwickshire 2, Yorkshire 3

Umpires: J D Bond and M J Kitchen

Gloucs v Hants

BRISTOL (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 342 for two wickets against Hampshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Morris b Udal	131
G D Hodgson not out	156
S G Hinks c Flint b Connor	12
M W Alleyne not out	18
Extras (lb3, nb22)	25
Total (2 wkts, 110 overs)	342

*A J Wright, †R C Russell, R M Wight, R C Williams, M Davies, A M Babington and M J Gerrard to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-279, 2-304

BOWLING: Marshall 20-5-60-0; Connor 23-8-78-1, James 15-3-42-0; Udal 27-5-94-1; Flint 25-6-65-0

HAMPSHIRE: R S M Morris, T C Middleton, D I Gower, V P Terry, *M C J Nicholas, D James, †A N Aymes, M D Marshall, S D Udal, C A Connor and D P J Flint.

Bonus points: Gloucs 3, Hampshire 0.

Umpires: P B Wight and H D Bird.

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON (first day of four; Sussex won toss). Somerset have scored 418 for six wickets against Sussex

SOMERSET: First Innings

N A Folland c Greenfield b Hemmings	101
M Trescothick b Giddins	6
R J Harden b Salisbury	24
*C J Tavaré lbw b Salisbury	0
K A Parsons lbw b Salisbury	63
†N D Burns c Wells b Hemmings	73
G D Rose not out	86
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	38
Extras (b 5, lb 13, w 1, nb 6)	27
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs)	418

N A Mallender, H R J Trump and A P Van Troost to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-90, 3-92, 4-204, 5-210, 6-343.

SUSSEX: W J Athey, J W Hall, D M Smith, *A P Wells, K Greenfield, F D Stephenson, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, A N Jones, E E Hemmings, E S H Giddins.

Bonus points: Somerset 4, Sussex 2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder

Kent v Essex

MAIDSTONE (first day of four; Kent won toss), Kent have scored 304 for five wickets

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Robinson b Stephenson	30
*M R Benson run out	96
N R Taylor lbw b Stephenson	4
C L Hooper c Lewis b Stephenson	11
N J Llong lbw b Childs	89
M V Fleming not out	39
M A Ealham not out	17
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 2, nb 6)	16
Total (5 wkts, 110 overs)	304

†R J Parkes, D W Headley, D J Spencer and R P Davis to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-67, 3-70, 4-237, 5-248

BOWLING: Andrew 23-4-70-0; Pringle 25-6-63-0; Stephenson 23-2-90-3, Cousins 12-3-30-0; Childs 19-7-36-1; Shahid 2-0-7-0

ESSEX: *P J Prichard, J P Stephenson, J J B Lewis, N Shahid, R J Rollins, D D J Robinson, †M A Garnham, D R Pringle, D M Cousins, S J W Andrew, J H Childs

Bonus Points: Kent 3, Essex 2.

Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian

Glamorgan v Middx

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 319 for three wickets against Middlesex

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Carr b Tufnell	42
*H Morris c Brown b Williams	27
D L Maynard c Gazzard b Feltham	14
I V A Richards not out	97
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 1, nb 20)	31
Total (for 3 wkts, 114 overs)	319

P A Cottey, R D B Croft, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-86, 3-137.

BOWLING: Williams 20-5-57-1, Fraser 17-2-54-0; Feltham 14-3-55-1; Emburey 23-5-68-0; Tufnell 35-6-75-1.

MIDDLESEX: D L Haynes, M A Roseberry, *M W Gatting, K R Rampraksash, J D Carr, †K R Brown, M A Feltham, J E Emburey, N F Williams, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell.

Bonus Points: Glamorgan 3, Middlesex 1

Umpires: J C Balderstone and V A Holder

Leics v Lancs

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss). Leicestershire have scored 287 for eight wickets against Lancashire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Lloyd b Chapple	85
*N E Briers lbw b DeFreitas	58
J J Whitaker c Hegg b DeFreitas	15
J D R Benson c Titchard b Barnett	17
P E Robinson b Barnett	22
L Potter lbw b Watkinson	0
W K M Benjamin c Watkinson b Barnett	0
†P A Nixon not out	35
G J Parsons lbw b Watkinson	33
Extras	17
Total (8 wkts, 109.1 overs)	287

A R K Pierson and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-78, 3-130, 4-147, 5-153, 6-160, 7-187, 8-210, 9-235.

BOWLING: Benjamin 20-1-84-3; Tolley 5-1-28-0; Radford 9-0-33-1; Newport 12-2-47-3; Lampitt 11 3-0-48-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis not out	49
W P C Weston not out	69
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 6)	10
Total (no wkt, 49 overs)	118

BOWLING: Cork 11-0-44-0; Base 12-3-31-0; Vandaau 14-5-25-0; Mortensen 12-6-14-0.

Bonus points: Worcs 4, Derbyshire 2.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and G A Stickley

Surrey v Durham

THE OVAL (first day of four; Durham won toss): Surrey have scored 473 for nine wickets against Durham

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Scott b Wood	71
P D Atkins lbw b Cummins	62
D M Ward lbw b Bainbridge	86
*M A Lynch c Scott b Cummins	5
A D Brown not out	150
A W Smith lbw b Bainbridge	8
†G P Kersey c Botham b Hughes	9
M P Bicknell b Bainbridge	1
Waqar Younis c Graveney b Bainbridge	7
J E Benjamin b Bainbridge	0
A J Murphy not out	17
Extras	59
Total (9 wkts, 110 overs)	473

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-155, 2-169, 3-191, 4-367, 5-381, 6-420, 7-425, 8-439, 9-439

BOWLING: Cummins 22-4-83-2; Wood 14-3-74-1; Hughes 27-8-87-1; Botham 20-3-95-0; Graveney 3-0-18-0; Bainbridge 24-1-90-5

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Durham 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R A White.

Worcs v Derbyshire

KIDDERMINSTER *(first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Worcestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 133 runs behind Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Lampitt b Radford	36
P D Bowler c Rhodes b Benjamin	65
J E Morris c Lampitt b Newport	4
C J Adams b Lampitt	38
†J G O'Gorman c Radford b Newport	7
D G Cork c D'Oliveira b Newport	3
M J Vandrau b Benjamin	4
†A S Rollins not out	46
S J Base c Illingworth b Benjamin	15
R W Sladdin c Rick b Lampitt	12
O H Mortensen lbw b Lampitt	1
Extras (b 8, lb 5, w 1, nb 10)	22
Total (57.3 overs)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-78, 3-130, 4-147, 5-153, 6-160, 7-187, 8-210, 9-235.

BOWLING: Benjamin 20-1-84-3; Tolley 5-1-28-0; Radford 9-0-33-1; Newport 12-2-47-3; Lampitt 11 3-0-48-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis not out	49
W P C Weston not out	69
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 6)	10
Total (no wkt, 49 overs)	118

BOWLING: Cork 11-0-44-0; Base 12-3-31-0; Vandaau 14-5-25-0; Mortensen 12-6-14-0.

Bonus points: Worcs 4, Derbyshire 2.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and G A Stickley

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D J Bicknell c Scott b Wood	71
P D Atkins lbw b Cummins	62
D M Ward lbw b Bainbridge	86
*M A Lynch c Scott b Cummins	5
A D Brown not out	150
A W Smith lbw b Bainbridge	8
†G P Kersey c Botham b Hughes	9
M P Bicknell b Bainbridge	1
Waqar Younis c Graveney b Bainbridge	7
J E Benjamin b Bainbridge	0
A J Murphy not out	17
Extras	59
Total (9 wkts, 110 overs)	473

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-155, 2-169, 3-191, 4-367, 5-381, 6-420, 7-425, 8-439, 9-439

BOWLING: Cummins 22-4-83-2; Wood 14-3-74-1; Hughes 27-8-87-1; Botham 20-3-95-0; Graveney 3-0-18-0; Bainbridge 24-1-90-5

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Durham 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R A White.

Northants v Notts

NORTHAMPTON *(first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 50 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Saxelby b Cairns	4
N A Felton b Cairns	20
R J Bailey c Evans b Lewis	63
*A J Lamb c Lewis b Pennett	21
M B Loye c French b Cairns	10
K M Curran c French b Lewis	19
A L Penberthy c Alford b Evans	7
†D Ripley c Archer b Lewis	3
A R Roberts c Saxelby b Lewis	13
C E L Ambrose run out	25
J P Taylor not out	14
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 1, nb2)	13
Total (57.1 overs)	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-81, 3-106, 4-118, 5-123, 6-149, 7-151, 8-168, 9-185.

BOWLING: Lewis 18.1-2-58-4; Cairns 14-1-58-3, Evans 16-4-44-1; Pennett 9-2-42-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Lamb b Taylor	0
M Saxelby c Ripley b Roberts	49
*R T Robinson c Felton b Curran	51
P Johnson c and b Curran	23
G F Archer c Bailey b Taylor	2
C L Cairns c Ambrose b Penberthy	25
C C Lewis c Lamb b Curran	19
K P Evans not out	27
†B N French not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 1)	9
Total (7 wkts, 52 overs)	182

D B Pennett and J A Afford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-32, 4-37, 5-80, 6-117, 7-141

BOWLING: Ambrose 15-3-44-1; Taylor 11-4-44-2, Curran 12-2-31-3; Penberthy 6-2-26-1, Bailey 5-3-5-0; Roberts 3-1-2-0

Bonus points: Northants 4, Notts 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

University match

Oxford U v Cambridge U

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R R Montgomerie run out	1
*J E R Gallian c Cake b Whitsell	115
G I Macmillan c Cake b Whitsell	63
G B T Lovell c Hastie b Pitcher	114
C L Keey b Pearson	33
C M Gupte not out	43
†C W J Lyons run out	2
R S Yeabsley not out	20
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 2)	9
Total (6 wkts dec)	400

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-170, 3-185, 4-276, 5-356, 6-371

BOWLING: Pitcher 27-3-90-1; Charlesworth 25.5-4-104-0; Pearson 30-10-77-1; Hastie 13-1-61-0; Whitsell 20-0-81-2

CAMBRIDGE UNIV: First Innings

*J P Crawley lbw b Jeh	63
G W Jones c Jeh b MacMillan	39
M D Jarrett b Trimby	22
R Cake c MacMillan b Trimby	0
G M Charlesworth lbw b Jeh	49
J P Carroll c Lovell b MacMillan	0
†J P Arscott c Keey b MacMillan	0
N J Hastie b Jeh	36
R M Pearson c Yeabsley b Jeh	1
C M Pitcher lbw b Trimby	0
A R Whitsell not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 18)	31
Total	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-136, 3-144, 4-180, 5-168, 6-168, 7-229, 8-238, 9-241

BOWLING: Jeh 14-2-61-4; Gallian 5-0-14-0, Yeabsley 5-0-40-0; Trimby 24.2-8-79 3; MacDonald 10-2-22-0; MacMillan 9-5-13-3.

Second Innings

*J P Crawley not out	30
G W Jones not out	2
Extras (w 1, nb 2)	3
Total (0 wkt)	35

BOWLING: Jeh 2-0-11-0; Gallian 3-0-10-0; MacDonald 2-0-9-0, Trimby 1-0-5-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
Second day of five
TRENT BRIDGE: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
Second day of four
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Middlesex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Durham
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

University match
11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0
Final day of three
LORD'S: Oxford v Cambridge

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OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: TSB Challenge: Great Britain v United States (Edinburgh)
GOLF: Glenmuir club professionals' championship (Coventry). Seniors tournament (Aberdeen).
ROWING: Henley Royal Regatta.
SPEEDWAY: Division One-A: Arena Essex v Reading (8.0). Division One-B: Belle Vue v Ipswich (7.30). Division Two-A: Edinburgh v Newcastle (7.15), Oxford v Glasgow (7.45). Division Two-B: Peterborough v Rye House (7.30).
SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (Edinburgh); Welsh national long-course championships (Cardiff).
TENNIS: All England championships (Wimbledon).

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Roberts decides to ride Barathea

By George Rae

MICHAEL Roberts will ride Barathea in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown tomorrow. Having given himself several days to consider the relative attractions of Barathea and Opera House, the continuing dry weather has persuaded him to side with the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner.

Roberts is thoroughly acquainted with the two horses, both owned by Shaikh Mohammed. Aside from winning on Barathea at the Curragh, he partnered Opera House to win the Coronation Cup at Epsom last month. He believes Opera House to be better suited by some give in the ground.

Roberts's agent, Graham Rock, said yesterday: "The fast ground should suit Barathea. He ran well up to a mile and a quarter in the Derby and Michael feels he has more scope for improvement than Opera House."

With Roberts having made his decision, Michael Stoute, the trainer of Opera House, has wasted no time in engaging Michael Kinane, the Irish champion. Kinane's record on apparent second strings is formidable; he was recruited for this year's Derby winner Commander In Chief when Pat Eddery preferred Tenby, and also landed the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in 1990 on Belmez, defeating Steve Cauthen on the stable's No 1, Old Vic.

Betting moves yesterday continued to concern Tenby, who is now 2-1 favourite, from 5-2, with William Hill. Ladbrokes shortened Tenby to 5-2, from 11-4, but keep Barathea as 9-4 favourite.

Next week the racing centres on the ever-popular July meeting at Newmarket, where the Princess Of Wales's Stakes is the highlight of Tuesday's opening programme. Jeune, the winner of the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, heads the 11 acceptors for a race his trainer, Geoff Wragg, sees as an ideal stepping stone to the King George at Ascot later this month. Red Bishop, Highland Dress and Sapience, second, third and fourth respectively in that Royal Ascot race, are also engaged.

Looking further ahead, the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe has drawn 157 entries from seven countries. The prize fund will top £1 million for the first time, with total prize-money for the 15 races which comprise the Arc weekend reaching £2.13 million.

The 46 British entries include Commander In Chief, User Friendly and White Muzzle, while France, which accounts for the lion's share with 85 entries, can call upon the likes of Hernando, Intrepidity and Vert Amande.

Ireland has 13 entries, including Fatherland, while Ron McAnally, the American trainer, has nominated Lomitas, once trained in Germany, Let's Elope, the former Australian champion, and Arinthod.



Local fancy: Geoff Wragg's Jeune heads 11 acceptors for the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket on Tuesday

Old Hook wagers to be paid

BOOKMAKERS were yesterday advised to pay out on the Old Hook betting coup that has netted Allan Smith, the Belgian-based trainer, plus associates, about £100,000.

The Betting Office Licensees' Association (Bola) lifted the "withhold payment" order after completing its investigation into Old Hook's 20-1 win at Folkestone on Tuesday.

John Johnson, spokesman for Bola, said: "We have concluded our enquiries and have advised our members to settle any outstanding bets."

Graham Sharpe, speaking for William Hill, who face a five-figure payout, said: "We are more than happy to pay out now."

Old Hook, trained in Ostend, pulled off a carefully-executed coup. As the colt drifted in on-course betting from 10-1 to 25-1, the trainer's brothers were watching in betting shops across the country, waiting until the last moment to place bets.

Smith revealed yesterday that he would have been content to take half the returned odds of 20-1. "We actually thought that if we were lucky and no one fancied him on the course, we would be quite satisfied with 10-1 or 12-1," he said. "My brothers placed the bets. They got about 12 family members and friends together to stake about £300 to £500 each in London, Southend and the north. Everyone played what they could afford. One of my brothers put his holiday money on it."

Smith has a past association with Ken Richardson, the man involved in the Flockton Grey ringer scandal. Richardson also has links with a company that bred Jo N Jack, whose 33-1 victory prompted a previous Bola investigation.

But Smith insisted: "This was our baby. If Richardson had been involved, we would have been talking about much bigger sums of money."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BALANDRA BAY (2.30 Sandown)

Next best: Fairy Story (3.35 Sandown)

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4.05 Triple
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101 (4) 1 LOMAS 9 (D,G) (F Salman) R Hannon 8-12 A Munro 89
102 (2) 221 BRAILLE 23 (S) (Kingsley Partnership) M Johnston 8-10 Dean McKeown 89
103 (1) 551 KINGSWELL PRINCE 11 (F) (S Crown) M Channon 8-10 T Quinn 89
104 (3) 30 WOODS VENTURE 14 (B) (Dr F B Chao) S Woods 8-10 W Woods 73

BETTING: 8-13 Lomas, 5-2 Braille, 5-1 Kingswell Prince, 10-1 Woods Venture.

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FORM FOCUS

LOMAS beat Silver Wedge 6l in a 14-runner maiden at Kempton (7f, good). BRAILLE beat Turtle Rock 8l in a 9-runner maiden auction at Hamilton (6f, good to soft). Previously, short-head 2nd of 14 to Polish Laughter in a 14-runner maiden at Doncaster (6f, good).

KINGSWELL PRINCE beat Call To Mind 2f in an 11-runner maiden auction at Pontefract (6f, good to firm).
WOODS VENTURE 5¾l 3rd of 5 to Clarinda on his debut in a maiden at Doncaster (5f, good).
Selection: LOMAS

2.30 WHARF DRAGON STAKES C4
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £10,113: 5f 6yd) (6 runners)

201 (4) 1 BALANDRA BAY 21 (CD,G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-12 Pat Eddery 86
202 (5) 0122 BID FOR BLUE 14 (D,F) (D Thompson) R Hannon 8-12 L Piggott 98
203 (3) 11 GREAT DEEDS 14 (D,F,S) (Dubai Racing Syndicate) M Channon 8-12 T Quinn 98
204 (2) 315 YA MALAK 15 (D,G) (G Jabre) J Payne 8-12 R Cochrane 85
205 (6) 13 ELRAFA AH 16 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-7 R Hills 89
206 (1) 5221 SWEET DECISION 27 (D,F) (Mrs D Callard) M Williams 8-7 J Reid 79

BETTING: 13-8 Elrafa Ah, 5-2 Great Deeds, 4-1 Ya Malak, 5-1 Bid For Blue, 7-1 Balandra Bay, 12-1 Sweet Decision.

1992: MARINA PARK 8-10 Dean McKeown (5-2) M Johnston 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALANDRA BAY beat Go With Bo 3l in a 5-runner maiden auction over course and distance (good). GREAT DEEDS beat BID FOR BLUE (7lb better off) 3l in a 13-runner conditions race at Ascot last time out (5f, soft).
YA MALAK 9l 5th of 8 to Turtle Island in the group III Norfolk Stakes at Ascot (5f, soft). Previously, beat Fast Eddy 3½l in a 13-runner maiden at Ripon (5f, good). ELRAFA AH 7¾l 3rd of 11 to Risky in the group III Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot (5f, soft). SWEET DECISION beat Broughtons Partner 8l in a 6-runner maiden auction at Leicester (5f, good to firm).
Selection: ELRAFA AH

3.05 ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP TROPHY C4
(£45,950: 1m 2f 7yd) (17 runners)

301 (2) 144-123 HIGHLAND DRESS 14 (D,F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-8-12 M Roberts 90
302 (16) 211121 SMARGINATO 12 (F,G,S) (Garsoon Reffa) J Dunlop 3-8-10 (4ex) G Carter 90
303 (4) 181125- LAP OF LUXURY 244 (F,G) (J Hill-Wood) W Jarvis 4-8-8 N Day 86
304 (14) 2-03642 ROYAL SEATON 16 (D,G,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 4-8-8 Pat Eddery 89
305 (13) 140-023 PHILIDOR 16 (F,G,S) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-8-7 R Cochrane 96
306 (12) 2/5-4041 WAINWRIGHT 6 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-7 (4ex) J Reid 93
307 (3) 6/04-422 DREAMS END 21 (D,G,S) (T Price) J Scargill 5-8-6 G Hind 87
308 (5) 3-31111 RIVER NORTH 20 (D,G,S) (P Savill) Lady Herries 3-8-6 (4ex) K Darley 94
309 (11) 020-045 PELORUS 48 (D,F,S) (Miss V Owen) D Elsworth 8-8-3 Antoinette Armes (7) 86
310 (15) 03-0305 BARFORD LAD 20 (V,D,F,S) (Mrs C Hardcombe) J Fanshawe 6-8-2 A Munro 85
311 (7) 13-51 FAWZ 21 (C,D,G) (J Gompertz) R Armstrong 4-8-1 (4ex) R Hills 88
312 (6) 04304 DOUBLE FLUTTER 16 (D,F) (J Mitchell) M Channon 4-8-0 J Quinn 88
313 (17) 521200 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 20 (CD,F,S) (B Cullen) D Elsworth 6-7-11 Dale Gibson 84
314 (8) 160-600 GREEK GOLD 20 (D,G) (D Pickering) M Stoute 4-7-11 F Norton 81
315 (1) 302-211 SHOW FAITH 14 (G,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 3-7-11 (4ex) W Carson 94
316 (9) 035-113 DANA SPRINGS 22 (G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 3-7-7 G Bardwell 93
317 (10) 51-1002 CHATHAM ISLAND 43 (CD,F,G) (B Veals) C Brittain 5-7-7 B Doyle (3) 87

Long handicap: Chatham Island 7-6.

BETTING: 7-2 River North, 5-1 Show Faith, 8-1 Highland Dress, Philidor, 10-1 Smarginato, 12-1 Dana Springs, 14-1 Royal Seaton, 16-1 Camden's Ransom, Double Flutter, Fawz, Wainwright, 25-1 Dreams End, 33-1 others.

1992: FIRE TOP 7-8-9 T Quinn (14-1) R Akehurst 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGHLAND DRESS ¾l 3rd of 5 to Jeune in the group II Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, soft). SMARGINATO beat Golden Kabbuby 4l in a 7-runner listed race at San Siro (1m, good to firm). ROYAL SEATON 1½l 2nd of 30 to Imperial Ballet in a handicap at Ascot (1m, soft), with PHILIDOR (same terms) 5l 3rd and DOUBLE FLUTTER (2lb better off) 2l 4th. WAINWRIGHT beat Bamburgh 1½l in a 12-runner maiden at Newcastle (1m, good to firm). RIVER NORTH beat Jackpot Star 2l in a 7-runner handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to soft). SHOW FAITH beat Just You Dare 1l in a 25-runner Ascot (1m, soft) handicap. DANA SPRINGS 6l 3rd of 9 to Rainbow Lake in a listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: DANA SPRINGS

3.35 SINO GROUP HANDICAP TROPHY C4
(3-Y-O: £7,425: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

401 (1) 21-30 HEATHFIELD 8 (G) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 9-7 T G McLaughlin (7) 86
402 (14) 100124 MY BEST VALENTINE 9 (D,F,G) (The Valentines) P Harris 9-1 F Norton 95
403 (16) 026-000 TOP PET 28 (F) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 9-1 R Cochrane 97
404 (5) 43-424 ABLE CHOICE 56 (BF) (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 9-0 L Piggott 89
405 (12) 540254 PRINCELY FAVOUR 14 (S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 9-0 W Carson 93
406 (9) 006-660 DIGPAST 14 (D,G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 9-0 Dean McKeown 94
407 (15) 10-3065 SIMPLY SOOTY 13 (G) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 9-0 J Reid 93
408 (13) 5-315 PRINCESS KRIS 34 (F) (Exors of Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 9-0 Pat Eddery 90
409 (3) 105-211 FAIRY STORY 9 (D,F,G) (The Fairy Story Partnership) J Hills 9-0 (5ex) R Hills 89
410 (4) 4000-46 OK BERTIE 38 (BF) (P Newman) D Morris 8-12 C Hodgson (5) 95
411 (11) 10-3002 PAIR OF JACKS 32 (G) (R Dalton) W Muir 8-11 W Woods 92
412 (16) 260420 SECOND CHANCE 2 (S) (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 8-8 M Roberts 96
413 (7) 040-003 BALLON 15 (C Brittain) C Brittain 8-7 B Doyle (3) 92
414 (2) 842-5 KELLY MAC 81 (W MacDonald) M Channon 8-5 J Quinn 80
415 (6) 43-1421 FIELD OF VISION 14 (D,F) (R Huggins) M Johnston 8-5 T Williams 89
416 (8) 031066 WALNUT BURL 13 (D,F) (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-4 N Adams 98

BETTING: 5-1 Fairy Story, 8-1 Digpast, Field Of Vision, Pair Of Jacks, Princess Kris, 10-1 Able Choice, 12-1 My Best Valentine, Top Pet, 14-1 Ballon, Princely Favour, Walnut Burl, 16-1 Simply Sooty, 20-1 others.

1992: NOBLE PET 8-9 T Quinn (10-1) P Makin 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MY BEST VALENTINE 3¾l 4th of 13 to Baliarica Bay in a handicap at Kempton (7f, good). ABLE CHOICE 3½l 4th of 12 to Moon Over Miami in a handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm), with PAIR OF JACKS 8½l 7th, SECOND CHANCE a short-head 8th and TOP PET 3l 9th. PRINCESS KRIS beat Ocara 5l in a 14-runner maiden at Bath (1m, firm).
FAIRY STORY beat Dhwaii Dancer 5l in a 6-runner handicap at Chester (7f, good). PAIR OF JACKS short-head 2nd of 11 to Kassbaan in a handicap over course and distance (good to firm), with FIELD OF VISION (6lb worse off) 1¾l 4th and WALNUT BURL (9lb better off) 5l 7th. BALLON 6¾l 3rd of 11 to For The Present in a handicap at Ripon (6f, good). FIELD OF VISION beat Tajdif 2½l in a 9-runner handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm).
Selection: PAIR OF JACKS

4.05 SHA TIN CLAIMING STAKES C4
(3-Y-O: £3,532: 1m 6f) (6 runners)

501 (1) 20-4 TRIPLE 16 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 Pat Eddery 89
502 (3) 0-0032 FLAMING MIRACLE 28 (B) (T Hely-Hutchinson) P Cole 8-5 W Carson 88
503 (5) 0-13433 RECORD LOVER 31 (G) (M Oberstein) Lord Huntingdon 8-5 M Roberts 84
504 (2) 23-4326 OMIDJOY 10 (A Ali) S Woods 8-1 W Woods 98
505 (6) 30 WILL HYDE 21 (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 7-13 N Adams 70
506 (4) 0061 SUMMER WIND 14 (G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 7-12 B Doyle (3) 97

BETTING: 2-1 Triple, 5-2 Summer Wind, 4-1 Flaming Miracle, 9-2 Record Lover, 10-1 Omidjoy, 12-1 Will Hyde.

1992: PLAN AHEAD 7-9 D Harrison (7-1) G Lewis 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRIPLE 4¾l 4th of 13 to George Dillingham in a maiden at Ripon (1m 2f, good). FLAMING MIRACLE 2l 2nd of 7 to Duplicate in a maiden at Catterick (1m 4f, good). Previously, 3l 3rd of 14 to Supreme Master in a claimer at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft), with SUMMER WIND (same terms) 13¾l 6th.
RECORD LOVER 8l 3rd of 12 to Puget Dancer in a handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good). OMIDJOY 4¾l 3rd of 6 to Acanthus in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). SUMMER WIND beat Galactic Fury 5l in a 5-runner claimer at Goodwood (1m 4f, good).
Selection: TRIPLE

4.40 YEAR OF THE ROOSTER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,610: 5f 6yd) (10 runners)

601 (3) 2-02224 FIRST OPTION 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-7 K Darley 88
602 (7) 322510 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 6 (CD,BF,G,S) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 9-5 Pat Eddery 90
603 (2) 100806 DAAWEERA 7 (B,D,G,S) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 9-5 J Quinn 80
604 (6) 130501 CHARITY EXPRESS 7 (D,F,G,S) (C Davey) D Cosgrove 9-5 (6ex) L Newton (5) 82
605 (4) 308212 NO EXTRAS 1 (BF,F,G) (K Higson) G Moore 9-3 (6ex) B Rouse 89
606 (9) 00-0510 MOVING IMAGE 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Rawson) H Collingridge 8-10 C Dwyer 84
607 (10) 432532 GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 8 (B) (Mrs S Sherman) T Barron 8-9 L Piggott 90
608 (1) 06-5000 STORMY HEIGHTS 23 (B,D,F) (Mrs E Colver) J Jenkins 8-4 M Roberts 94
609 (5) 0-00581 KENSWORTH LADY 18 (D,G) (P Matthews) M Blanshard 8-3 N Adams 88
610 (8) 224630 COMET WHIRLPOOL 18 (B,G) (C Anderton) Pat Mitchell 8-1 R Price 95

BETTING: 5-2 No Extras, 4-1 Champagne Grandy, 5-1 Charity Express, 11-2 Kensworth Lady, 7-1 Gussie Fink-Nottle, 8-1 First Option, 10-1 Moving Image, 14-1 Comet Whirlpool, 20-1 others.

1992: BODARI 8-11 D Harrison (13-2) D Wilson 8 ran

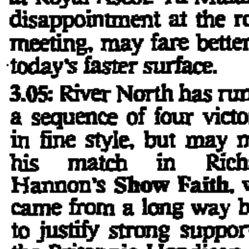
FORM FOCUS

FIRST OPTION 5¾l 4th of 11 to For The Present in a handicap at Ripon (6f, good). CHAMPAGNE GRANDY beat Purbeck Centenary 1l in a 11-runner apprentices' handicap over course and distance (good to soft), with CHARITY EXPRESS (3lb worse off) 13l 10th.
HARITY EXPRESS beat Sylvan Starlight 3½l in a 9-runner claimer at Bath (5f, good to firm). NO EXTRAS short-head 2nd to Desert Nomad in a 9-runner conditions race at Brighton yesterday (firm, 6f 209yd). Previously, beat Chilly Breeze 3l in a 14-runner handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 3l 2nd of 8 to Miss Whittingham in a handicap at Carlisle (5f, firm). KENSWORTH LADY beat Farmer Jock 1¾l in a 6-runner handicap at Brighton last time out (5f 59yd, good).
Selection: NO. EXTRAS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Scargill	3	11	27.3	Pat Eddery	48	263	18.3
J Gosden	13	54	24.1	M Roberts	35	215	16.3
M H Easterby	4	18	22.2	T Quinn	24	151	15.9
J Fanshawe	8	40	20.0	R Cochrane	23	151	15.2
H Thomson Jones	4	20	20.0	W Carson	30	224	13.4
M Channon	8	42	19.0	R Hills	9	69	13.0

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



SANDOWN PARK
C4

2.30: Great Deeds should confirm his Windsor Castle Stakes superiority over Bid For Blue, but may be denied a treble by the speedy filly **Elrafa Ah**, who stayed on strongly for third place behind the impressive Risky in the Queen Mary Stakes, also at Royal Ascot. Ya Malak, a disappointment at the royal meeting, may fare better on today's faster surface.

3.05: River North has run up a sequence of four victories in fine style, but may meet his match in Richard Hannon's **Show Faith**, who came from a long way back to justify strong support in the Britannia Handicap. He looks on a tempting mark, as does another Hannon hopeful, Dana Springs. Royal Seaton and Philidor, who took the minor places in the Royal Hunt Cup, must also be considered.

3.35: **Fairy Story** is in peak form with recent victories at Epsom and Chester and a treble looks on the cards here. Michael Stoute has booked Pat Eddery for Princess Kris, a good Bath winner before fading behind Moorish at Haydock, while Digpast should be capable of a better show this time. Able Choice, a close-up fourth at Lingfield back in May, should also be prominent.

4.05: Summer Wind stayed on gamely to open her account at Goodwood, but despite receiving nearly a stone, may not hold the Barry Hills-trained **Triple**, who was putting in some good work at the finish when fourth to George Dillingham at Ripon. He will appreciate today's extra half-mile.

DICK HINDER

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 First Veil. 2.45 Mr Devious. 3.20 Chief Minister. 3.55 Don't Forget Marie. 4.25 CATRAIL (nap). 4.55 Licorne.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 CATRAIL (nap). 4.55 Licorne.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.25 SATANK.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 STEVE DONOGHUE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,707: 7f 30yd) (14 runners)

1 AWESTRIKE Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery 3
2 3-22 GREEN KILT 14 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 J Carroll 5
3 2434 JAAZIM 20 (B) W Hern 9-0 W Ryan 4
4 50 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 8 N Tinkler 9-0 L Charnock 1
5 NO CONTRACT J Gosden 9-0 M Hills 9
6 4 QUARRELLING 22 F Lee 9-0 S Perks 13
7 35 SO INTREPID 55 (BF) P Harris 9-0 M Birch 7
8 0332 WISHAM 9 B Hanbury 9-0 J Tate (5) 14
9 ZAJKO J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 10
10 AQUILETTA C Booth 8-9 A Culhane 12
11 22- FIRST VEIL 342 D Elsworth 8-9 J Williams 8
12 6 FUCHU 23 C Brittain 8-9 A Clark 6
13 6 KEEN AND CLEAN 13 D Moffatt 8-9 Darren Moffatt (5) 11
14 66 THRIVING 20 J Fanshawe 8-9 K Fallon 2

9-4 First Veil, 4-1 No Contract, 5-1 Green Kilt, 8-1 Wisham, 10-1 Jaazim, Zajko, 12-1 Thriving, 14-1 others.

2.45 BAXI SOLO MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,127: 6f) (6)

1 CHASTIZE R Hollinshead 9-0 W Ryan 2
2 4 MR DEVIOUS 7 R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 3
3 03 STEPHENSONS ROCKET 13 (BF) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 1
4 584 DOCKYARD DORA 20 M Britten 8-9 M Wigham 4
5 MISS SPRINGTIME M Prescott 8-9 C Nutter 6
6 VANESSA ROSE A Bailey 8-9 A Mackay 5

6-4 Mr Devious, 7-2 Vanessa Rose, 5-1 Chastize, 6-1 Dockyard Dora, 8-1 Stephensons Rocket, 10-1 Miss Springtime.

3.20 PETER WALKER BREWERY HANDICAP
(£3,493: 1m 6f) (5)

1 4132 WHITE WILLOW 34 (D,BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 M Birch 3
2 -100 DIME BAG 44 (D,G) B Hills 4-9-5 D Holland 5
3 11-05 DISCORD 14 (F,G) Lord Huntingdon 7-9-5 L Dettori 4
4 0404 CHIEF MINISTER 34 (B,D,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-3 K Fallon 2
5 /055 NOBLE SOCIETY 7 M Usher 5-7-7 A Mackay 1

6-4 White Willow, 2-1 Chief Minister, 5-1 Discord, Dime Bag, 14-1 Noble Society

3.55 FRANK WOOTTON CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,745: 1m 3f 200yd) (3)

1 3344 CIVIL LAW 9 (V,BF) R Hollinshead 9-7 L Dettori 2
2 TOMMY TRUNGLE T Caldwell 8-13 W Ryan 3
3 0212 DON'T FORGET MARIE 7 (BF,S) R Hannon 8-8 A Whelan (7) 1

1-3 Don't Forget Marie, 2-1 Civil Law, 20-1 Tommy Trungle.

4.25 PENNINE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,571: 6f) (8)

1 0111 CASTLEREA LAD 6 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-10-0 W Ryan 5
2 -100 ELLE SHAPED 20 (F,G) S Norton 3-9-8 D Holland 4
3 3450 RED ROSEIN 6 (D,F,G) J Wilson 7-9-7 J Fortune 7
4 1-15 CATRAIL 17 (G) J Gosden 3-9-8 J Carroll 1
5 41-0 WATHIK 14 (D,F,G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-2 N Carlisle 6
6 16 JADE CITY 35 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-0 L Charnock 8
7 -503 SATANK 7 (F) J Watts 3-9-0 N Connorton 3
8 6540 PERSIAN REVIVAL 8 (B,CD,F) B McMahon 3-8-10 M Birch 2

2-1 Catrail, 11-4 Castlerea Lad, 9-2 Satank, 7-1 Wathik, 10-1 Red Rosein, 12-1 Elle Shaped, Persian Revival, 16-1 Jade City

4.55 FREDDY FOX FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,610: 1m 3f 200yd) (8)

1 -250 SHADOWS OF SILVER 18 (D,F) B McMahon 5-10-0 M Birch 7
2 333 DUNNELLON 15 J Watts 3-9-4 M Hills 2
3 2313 LICORNE 10 (BF,S) H Cecil 3-9-2 W Ryan 1
4 1522 ALYAKKH 28 (G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-1 N Carlisle 8
5 2111 GOODBYE MILLIE 8 (D,F,G,S) S Norton 3-8-9 (5ex) D Pears (5) 5
6 0-01 SILKY HEIGHTS 14 (F) M Camacho 3-8-2 N Connorton 6
7 0003 FAMOUS BEAUTY 10 (C,D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-7-9 A Garth (5) 4
8 0005 IBTIKAR 15 (V) P Walwyn 3-7-7 A Mackay 3

9-4 Licorne, 3-1 Goodbye Millie, 4-1 Alyakkh, 7-1 Silky Heights, 8-1 Famous Beauty, 12-1 Shadows Of Silver, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 17 winners from 51 runners, 33.3%; J Gosden, 18 from 59, 30.5%; P Walwyn, 7 from 31, 22.6%; H Thomson Jones, 12 from 56, 21.4%; M Camacho, 7 from 34, 20.6%; B Hills, 13 from 75, 17.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 15 winners from 83 rides, 18.1%; M Hills, 15 from 89, 16.9%; N Connorton, 7 from 44, 15.9%; W Ryan, 20 from 127, 15.7%; Paul Eddery, 11 from 89, 12.4%; M Birch, 15 from 126, 11.9%.

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN PARK: 2.00 Woods Venture. 4.40 Stormy Heights. HAYDOCK PARK: 2.15 Jaazim. 4.55 Ibtikar. BEVERLEY: 7.10 Just Go-Again, Gate Of Heaven. 7.35 Sylvan. 9.05 Young George

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.40 Kalar. 3.10 Swordsmanship. 3.40 Penny Banger. 4.10 Miss Pimpernel. 4.45 Aljaz. 5.15 Charlie Bigtime.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST, 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.40 ASH APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,070: 5f) (9 runners)

1 0011 SUPERLATIVEMAXIMUS 21 (CD,G) J Berry 5-10-0 J Weaver 5
2 3003 LOFT BOY 14 (D,F,G,S) J Bethell 10-9-3 Clare Byrnes (7) 9
3 -400 NILU 10 (G) B McMahon 5-9-5 S Sanders (3) 6
4 0000 WE'RE ALL GAME 8 (D,S) B Morgan 4-9-5 S D Williams 4
5 3226 LANGTONIAN 9 (B,G) J Berry 4-9-5 Emma O'Gorman 8
6 0006 BARBEZIEUX 10 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-8-13 D McCabe (3) 2
7 0230 KALAR 23 (B,CD,G) D Chapman 4-9-6 Claire Balding (5) 1
8 -052 FAMILY ROSE 13 Miss G Kelleway 4-6-3 Stephen Davies 3
9 -000 CAMINO A RONDA 10 Pat Mitchell 4-7-11 P McCabe (5) 7

2-1 Superlativemaximus, 4-1 Langtonian, 5-1 Loft Boy, 6-1 Family Rose, 8-1 Barbezieux, 12-1 Kalar, 16-1 Nilu, 25-1 We're All Game, 40-1 Camino A Ronda

3.10 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 7f) (9)

1 06 EXTRA BONUS 28 C Wall 9-0 J Weaver (3) 8
2 00 MEMORABLE 41 M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 3
3 30 SWORDSMANSHIP 11 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 9
4 040 OLYMPIC BID 11 J Berry 8-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
5 002 HE SHALL REIGN 9 J Dunlop 8-6 W Newnes 5
6 5 SEMAH'S DREAM 8 A Hambly 8-5 A Proud 6
7 006 STORM 38 N Callaghan 8-0 D Wright (7) 4
8 0323 RITA'S JOY 16 W G M Turner 7-13 T Sprake 1
9 00 SPORT RACING CLUB 10 (BF) Miss G Kelleway 7-12 J Lowe 7

5-4 He Shall Reign, 5-2 Rita's Joy, 6-1 Swordsmanship, 8-1 Memorable, 12-1 Extra Bonus, 16-1 others.

3.40 J ROTHCHILD HANDICAP (£2,847: 7f) (9)

1 1024 APPEALING TIMES 13 (C,D,G) D Chapman 4-10-0 Claire Balding (7) 7
2 0001 ROSE FLYER 13 (CD,G) M Chapman 3-9-1 D McCabe (7) 4
3 0-00 MUSIC DANCER 153 (G) R Spicer 4-8-11 G Duffield 9
4 0161 PENNY BANGER 20 (CD,G) M Johnston 3-8-7 J Fanning 2
5 0640 MASTER REACH 24 (B) B Meehan 4-8-5 S Whitworth 3
6 -200 KICK ON MAJESTIC 9 (D,F,G) N Bycroft 4-8-1 D Wright (7) 6
7 -000 SEA PRODIGY 38 M Blanshard 4-7-13 T Sprake 1
8 0001 ROCKY BAY 21 (C,G,S) D Haydn Jones 4-7-11 J Lowe 8
9 0-05 KINNEGAD KID 41 R Ingram 4-7-10 A Tucker 5

7-4 Penny Banger, 3-1 Music Dancer, 6-1 Master Reach, 13-2 Rocky Bay, Rose Flyer, 10-1 Appealing Times, 25-1 others.

4.10 ELM SELLING STAKES (£2,070: 1m 4f) (8)

1 2000 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 11 (B,G) J Glover 5-9-10 S D Williams (3) 3
2 80-4 SMILES AHEAD 21 (D,G,S) P Bevan 5-9-10 C Hawksley (7) 6
3 6300 INTRICACY 14 (CD,G) C C Elsey 5-9-5 W Newnes 5
4 5-6 SCOTTISH BALL 21 M Prescott 4-9-2 G Duffield 8
5 0- WORTHY MEMORIES 305 C Wall 4-9-2 P Robinson 8
6 0-50 FLYING AMY 22 W G M Turner 3-8-3 T Sprake 4
7 -025 MISS PIMPERNEL 18 B Hanbury 3-8-3 J Weaver (3) 2
8 0 SOLAR KNIGHT 10 K Bridgwater 3-8-3 A Tucker 1

9-4 Miss Pimpernel, 3-1 Intricacy, 5-1 Scotch Ball, Smiles Ahead, 8-1 Worthy Memories, 14-1 Flying Amy, 16-1 Solar Knight, 25-1 Emperor Alexander

4.45 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,348: 6f) (10)

1 6 PRAIRIE DAWN 21 K White 4-9-2 W Newnes 1
2 0-20 SWINGING TICH 172 B McMahon 4-9-2 S Sanders (7) 10
3 ALJAZ Miss G Kelleway 3-9-0 J Weaver (3) 9
4 0 CHEAT 48 W Haggas 3-9-0 K Fallon 5
5 00 DYNAMIC GEORGE 38 N Callaghan 3-9-0 S Whitworth 4
6 05 PRINCE PALACIO 17 M Camacho 3-9-0 S Morris 3
7 6-3 SURAGON 21 J Wharton 3-9-0 S D Williams (3) 8
8 0 CUT FINE 23 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-9 P Robinson 2
9 NEVER SURE P Cole 3-8-9 T Quinn 6
10 SLOE BRANDY M Prescott 3-8-9 G Duffield 7

15-8 Never Sure, 100-30 Cut Fine, 9-2 Sloe Brandy, 8-1 Suragon, 10-1 Cheat, 16-1 Swinging Tich, Prince Palacio, 20-1 Aljaz, 25-1 others.

5.15 OAK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m) (7)

1 1460 KEYWAY 6 (CD,G) M Prescott 9-7 G Duffield 3
2 2221 GRAN SENORUM 18 (G) P Cole 9-6 A Munro 5
3 -310 MOHICAN BRAVE 9 (CD,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-2 K Fallon 6
4 -531 MYSILV 20 (D,S) C Wall 8-9 P Robinson 4
5 0312 CHARLIE BIGTIME 13 (CD,G) Miss G Kelleway 8-8 J Weaver (3) 2
6 2123 MRS DAWSON 8 (D,F) A Hambly 7-7 A Proud 1
7 4008 DON'T BE SAKI 28 (C,G) Ronald Thompson 7-7 D Wright (7) 7

7-4 Mrs Dawson, 7-2 Gran Senorum, 4-1 Mysilv, 6-1 Keyway, 8-1 Mohican Brave, 10-1 Charlie Bigtime, 16-1 Don't Be Saki

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Wilson, 6 winners from 23 runners, 26.1%; J Dunlop, 8 from 34, 23.5%; R Spicer, 9 from 40, 22.5%; M Prescott, 24 from 116, 20.7%; W Haggas, 9 from 44, 20.5%; P Cole, 9 from 46, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: D McCabe, 8 winners from 39 rides, 20.5%; J Weaver, 5 from 28, 17.9%; G Duffield, 41 from 253, 16.2%; Emma O'Gorman, 31 from 197, 15.7%; T Sprake, 5 from 37, 13.5%; T Quinn, 17 from 135, 12.6%.

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6.45 Mondragon. 7.10 Obsidian Grey. 7.35 Langtry Lady. 8.05 Lucius Locket. 8.35 Bandon Castle. 9.05 Allmosa.

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DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 NORWOOD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,460: 2m 35yd) (6 runners)

1 4025 ARC BRIGHT 16 R Hollinshead 9-0 L Detton 5
2 0552 MONDRAGON 31 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 J Lowe 3
3 0042 RUSTY REEL 10 C Brittain 9-0 Dean McKeown 2
4 0-04 ST ALZINA 18 S Eden 9-0 V Smith 1
5 -243 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 31 J Carr 9-0 S Morris 4
6 -562 WAKT 9 D Morley 8-9 G Duffield 6

7-4 Mondragon, 11-4 Rusty Reel, 7-2 Vaigly Sunthyme, 5-1 Wakt, 8-1 others

7.10 POCKLINGTON SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,938: 7f 100yd) (13)

1 2543 PARFAIT AMOUR 7 (F) R Whitaker 4-10-0 A Munro 8
2 2623 OBSIDIAN GREY 9 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 6-9-10 D Pears (5) 11
3 0600 NEVENTER 8 M Chapman 4-9-5 V Smith 10
4 0000 NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 10 (G) R Harris 5-9-4 J Quinn 6
5 0002 ROUTING 18 (F) M Hammond 5-9-3 Dean McKeown 7
6 4-00 PIMSBOY 11 (B,D,F) B Rothwell 6-9-3 J Carroll 3
7 0/00 JUST-GO-AGAIN 24 (B) J Jefferson 4-8-12 L Charnock 13
8 5300 MALCESINE 6 (F) J Wilson 4-8-12 J Fortune 5
9 05-6 SLUMBER THYME 4 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-6 J Fanning 12
10 1040 COOL ENOUGH 6 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-8-5 K Fallon 4
11 080- VITAL VOLTAGE 324 M Ellerby 4-8-1 S Morris 1
12 0006 GRUBBY 8 (D,G) R Hollinshead 4-7-8 M Humphries (7) 2
13 4040 GATE OF HEAVEN 17 (V) R Spicer 3-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 9

7-2 Parfait Amour, 4-1 Obsidian Grey, 9-2 Routing, 7-1 Malcesine, 8-1 Cool Enough, Grubby, 12-1 Slumber Thyme, 14-1 Pimsboy, 16-1 others

7.35 TRYTON YORKSHIRE PUDDING HANDICAP
(£7,700: 1m 100yd) (11)

1 0-36 SYLVAN 14 (V,F,G) C Wall 4-9-12 G Duffield 7
2 -663 FABRIANA 13 (S) T Naughton 3-9-10 D Holland 3
3 5-62 ROYAL CITIZEN 13 (G) J Bottomley 4-9-8 K Fallon 2
4 5452 LANGTRY LADY 6 (V,D,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-9-7 D Biggs 1
5 1-54 BLOW DRY 20 (S) J Hanson 3-9-6 A Culhane 4
6 6111 SOVEREIGN PAGE 15 (F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-6 J Tate (5) 5
7 3142 CAUSLEY 9 (C,D,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-9-5 L Dettori 9
8 4116 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 9 (D,F,G,S) J Spearing 6-9-4 M Humphries (7) 6
9 1565 NOBBY BARNES 23 (D,G) D Wilson 4-8-6 G Carter 8
10 0122 SANDMOOR DENIM 8 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 6-8-5 S Webster 11
11 -542 WHO'S TEF 8 (CD,F) M H Easterby 5-8-0 S Maloney (3) 10

7-2 Sovereign Page, 5-1 Blow Dry, 6-1 Who's Tef, 8-1 Langtry Lady, Causley, 10-1 Fabriana, 12-1 Sandmoor Denim, Lawnswood Junior, 14-1 others.

8.05 TRYTON TOAD IN THE HOLE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,377: 5f) (8)

1 0 FOUR OF SPADES 13 B Beasley 9-0 S D Williams (3) 6
2 32 LUCIUS LOCKET 14 (BF) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 5
3 BRITANNIA MILLS M Chapman 8-9 D McCabe (7) 8
4 0030 CAPITAL LADY 13 B Rothwell 8-9 J Fortune 2
5 KNAYTON LASS M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 3
6 LUCKY MESSAGE J Etherington 8-9 G Duffield 1
7 MERISSA M W Easterby 8-9 L Charnock 4
8 20 WARTHILL WHISPERS 29 M Brittain 8-9 M Wigham 7

2-1 Lucius Locket, 5-2 Lucky Message, 5-1 Warthill Whispers, 9-1 Capital Lady, 10-1 Four Of Spades, 12-1 Britannia Mills, 16-1 others

8.35 JACKSON CATERING CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,232: 5f) (9)

1 31 ALLWIGHT THEN 27 (D,G) F Lee 8-12 S Perks 3
2 16 BANDON CASTLE 14 (D,F) B Rothwell 8-12 J Fortune 2
3 014 MISTER BLOY 29 (D,S) J Berry 8-12 J Carroll 5
4 315 ROYAL INSIGNIA 14 (D,S) M Bell 8-12 A Munro 8
5 1 TAKADOU 14 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 8-12 P Robinson 1
6 21 KANGRA VALLEY 48 (D,S) J Wharton 8-7 K Fallon 4
7 11 MILD REBUKE 21 (D,G,S) D Loder 8-7 M Hills 7
8 3331 INDIAN CRYSTAL 25 (D,F) M Johnston 8-5 G Duffield 6
9 4162 MISS MAH-JONG 11 (D,S) M Johnston 8-5 Dean McKeown 9

7-2 Mild Rebuke, 4-1 Bandon Castle, 5-1 Indian Crystal, 6-1 Allwight Then, 9-1 Miss Mah-Jong, 10-1 Takadou, Mister Bloy, 12-1 Royal Insignia, 14-1 others

9.05 CRAVEN PARK HANDICAP
(£2,846: 1m 3f 216yd) (9)

1 1516 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 23 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 6-10-0 M Wigham 5
2 3-54 ALLMOSA 35 (D,G) T Naughton 4-9-11 D Holland 9
3 -446 SUPER BLUES 6 T Barron 6-9-6 L Detton 4
4 0061 ICE STRIKE 10 (V,D,G) J Hills 4-9-5 (6ex) M Hills 6
5 3435 YOUNG GEORGE 18 (V,D,F,G) M Dods 6-9-3 J Lowe 1
6 4-60 BALAAT 60U (F) M Chapman 5-9-2 D McCabe (7) 8
7 -005 REACH FOR GLORY 30 (F) R Whitaker 4-9-1 A Culhane 7
8 4556 LUKS AKURA 25 (B,D,F) M Johnston 5-8-11 Dean McKeown 2
9 -000 ESCAPE TALK 6 (CD,F) J Dooler 6-8-4 N Connorton 3

5-2 Ice Strike, 3-1 Allmosa, 9-2 Super Blues, 6-1 Luks Akura, 7-1 Young George, 8-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 12-1 Escape Talk, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Wall, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 66, 22.7%; C Brittain, 7 from 35, 20%; D Morley, 9 from 51, 17.6%; Mrs J Ramsden, 8 from 48, 16.7%; J Berry, 21 from 146, 14.4%

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 11 winners from 36 rides, 30.6%; S D Williams, 3 from 14, 21.4%; D Biggs, 3 from 20, 15.0%; G Carter, 10 from 71, 14.1%; M Hills, 4 from 29, 13.8%; J Carroll, 14 from 106, 13.2%

☐ Alan Munro, recovered from injuring ankle ligaments in a fall at Lingfield last Saturday, returns today. He rides at three meetings, Sandown, Southwell and Beverley.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.20 (6f 209yd) 1, NONIOS (W Newnes, 2-9 fav); 2, Northern Ballwick (N Adams, 9-2). 2 ran. NR: Killing Time, Becki's Choice. 3l. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote: £1.10.

2.50 (6f 209yd) 1, CAPE PIGEON (D Holland, 1-2 fav); 2, Across The Bay (J Reid, 13-2); 3, Cellsar (T Sprake, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Pocono Knight (6th), 50 Aunt Ada (5th), 66 Jim Cande (4th). 6 ran. NR: La Posada, Que Tee Ah. 2½l, 3l, 1l, 2l, 20l. L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.43. La Posada (9-1) withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in the pound.

3.20 (7f 214yd) 1, DEEVEE (P Robinson, 7-4 fav); 2, Precious Air (B Rouse, 3-1); 3, Hopeful Bid (J Reid, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Kingchip Boy (5th), 20 Lyn's Return (4th). 5 ran. Sh hd, 6l, 4l, 6l. C Benstead at Epsom. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.24. Kingchip Boy finished third but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified and placed last.

3.50 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, SEA PADDY (H Bastiman, 9-2); 2, Beat The Bagman (N Adams, 20-1); 3, Reel Of Tulloch (D Biggs, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Jolis Absent, 9-2 Princess Evita, 13-2 Clear Light, 8 Malindi Bay (6th), 10 Salmonid (5th), 14 Kenyatta, Eliza Wooding, 20 Petite Jess, 33 Chinaman (4th). 12 ran. 3½l, 1½l, 6l, 1¾l, 1½l. R Bastiman at Wetherby. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £12.30, £1.80. DF: £197.60. CSF: £86.90. Tricast: £408.54. No bid

4.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, ALDERNEY PRINCE (T G McLaughlin, 13-2); 2, Muhtashim (D Holland, 16-1); 3, Stevie's Wonder (N Gwilliams, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav So Saucy (6th), 7-2 Kawasir, 5 Azola (5th), Nitouche, 20 Sadgy's Sister (4th), Blowing. 9 ran. 1¾l, hd, 6l, sh hd, nk. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £7.10; £2.10, £3.00, £1.90. DF: £53.80. CSF: £90.43. Tricast: £596.10.

4.50 (6f 209yd) 1, DESERT NOMAD (B Raymond, 10-1); 2, No Extras (B Rouse, 6-4 fav); 3, Disco (P Robinson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Tajdid (4th), 13-2 Francis, 25 Danny Blue (5th), Cashmiriana, 40 Sharp Gazelle (6th), Little Miss Ribot. 9 ran. Sh hd, 5l, 1¾l, 5l, hd. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £11.40; £2.20, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £8.50. CSF: £23.73.

Placepot: £40.60.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.10 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Rahil (R Hills, 5-2); 2, Prince Of Andros (10-1); 3, Usk The Way (5-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: Newahil, Wannabe. Sh hd, sh hd. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £19.40. CSF: £25.24. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

2.40 (1m 3yd) 1, Shining Jewel (L Piggott, Evens fav); 2, Strike-A-Pose (7-4); 3, Pop To Stans (20-1). 8 ran. 1l, ¾l. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.47.

3.10 (6f 3yd) 1, Elton Ledger (Paul Eddery, 6-1); 2, African Chimes (7-2); 3, Martinosky (5-2 fav). 8 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. A Scott. Tote: £9.70; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £17.80. CSF: £25.57.

3.40 (6f 3yd) 1, Bet A Plan (Paul Eddery, 4-5 fav); 2, Northern Storm (7-1); 3, Classical Don (8-1). 4 ran. NR: Grecian Garden. 3l, 2l. G Lewis. Tote: £1.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £5.42.

4.10 (7f 3yd) 1, Miss Gorgeous (Emma O'Gorman, 7-2); 2, Quaver (4-7 fav); 3, Dalalah (7-1). 4 ran. Hd, nk. W O'Gorman. Tote: £4.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £5.61.

4.40 (7f 3yd) †1, Tik Fa (W R Swinburn, 5-1) †1, Pembroke (M Roberts, 9-4 fav); 3, Spanish Storm (14-1). 6 ran. NR: Dramanice. Dd-ht, 1½l. Tik Fa, B Hanbury; Pembroke J Gosden. DF: £7.30. Tote: Win Pembroke £1.30, Tik Fa £3.60; Pembroke £1.80, Tik Fa £2.20. CSF: Pembroke & Tik Fa £6.08, Tik Fa & Pembroke £7.59.

5.10 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Overpower (Mr M Jenkins, 7-2); 2, Sugemar (6-1); 3, Lots Of Luck (11-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: Thundering. 1l, 2½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £7.20. CSF: £23.29. Tricast: £59.59. Placepot: £191.30.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 212yd) 1, Samson-Agonistes (J Fortune, 4-6 fav); 2, Murray's Mazda (4-1); 3, Sense Of Priority (6-1). 9 ran. 3l, 1½l. B McMahon. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.28. No bid.

2.30 (1m 7f 177yd) 1, Mingus (K Fallon, 6-1); 2, Keyarts (5-4 fav); 3, Qualitair Sound (8-1). 6 ran. NR: Tour Leader. Nk, ¾l. R Fisher. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £4.40. CSF: £13.54.

3.00 (7f) 1, Call To Mind (M Birch, 10-11 fav); 2, Prizefighter (13-2); 3, Diamond Frontier (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Sky Diver. Nk, 2l. M H Easterby. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £3.60. DF: £5.90. CSF: £7.10.

3.30 (7f) 1, North Ardar (Dean McKeown, 4-1); 2, Public Way (7-2); 3, Missed The Boat (10-1). Braxton Bragg 2-1 fav. 5 ran. Nk, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £1.90. DF: £8.50. CSF: £15.70.

4.00 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, Smuggler's Point (J Carroll, 8-13 fav); 2, Meant To Be (6-4); 3, Rushalong (16-1). 3 ran. 1½l, 30l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.78.

4.30 (5f 212yd) 1, Second Colours (K Darley, 5-2); 2, My Godson (8-1); 3, Miss Whittingham (13-8 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, sh hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £19.21. Placepot: £46.90.

Wednesday's late results

Epsom

Going: firm

6.35 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, Hatham Tarn (J Williams, 5-1); 2, Lt Welsh (9-2); 3, Clever Minstrel (7-1). Eye Witness 15-8 fav. 7 ran. Hd, 7l. D Elsworth. Tote: £8.20; £2.60, £2.90. DF: £26.00. CSF: £24.57.

7.10 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Mr Copyforce (N Adams, 3-1 fav); 2, Fools Errand (5-1); 3, Top Rank (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Warm Spell. 3l, hd. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £3.90; £2.20, £2.30. DF: £6.80. Trio: £9.00. CSF: £16.21. Tricast: £48.75.

7.40 (7f) 1, Echo-Logical (K Darley, 15-2); 2, Rocky Waters (7-1); 3, Yours By Right (8-1). Helios 11-2 fav. 12 ran. Nk, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £10.20; £2.90, £3.10, £2.10. DF: £26.40. Trio: £113.00. CSF: £55.56. Tricast: £397.82.

8.10 (5f) 1, Baskerville (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Dollar Gamble (10-3); 3, Bold Gem (9-2). Southern Ridge 11-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Never Got Rose. 3l, nd. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £6.90; £1.80, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £8.30. CSF: £26.06.

8.40 (1m 114yd) 1, The Executor (J Reid, 9-2); 2, Raging Thunder (6-1); 3, Dee Raft (7-2 fav). 8 ran. NR: Double Dealing. 3l, 1½l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £4.40; £1.30, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £11.70. CSF: £21.27. Fanfold (5-1) was withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduct 15p in pound.

9.10 (6f) 1, Bellasecret (D Meredith, 9-2); 2, Shikari's Son (4-1); 3, Star Goddess (8-1). Face North 7-4 fav. 6 ran. ½l, ¾l. R Dickin. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £2.40. DF: £12.30. CSF: £21.06.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,495.44 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot: £203.00.

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SIMON BARNES
at Wimbledon

Agassi has it. Courier hasn't, nor has Sampras. Leconte has it. Becker has it. Stich hasn't got it; Lendl never had it. And nobody ever had it like Nastase.

Something went out of the men's singles with Agassi's defeat by Sampras on Wednesday, something quite important. And as we roll into semi-finals day today, who of us is not dreading the prospect of a final between Courier and Sampras?

Why should this be? Courier and Sampras are the best two players in the world, if you believe in computers. All the same, just about everybody would prefer to see Becker and Edberg battle it out on Sunday.

But the most popular final of all would have been Agassi and just about anybody. And it is not just because of the haircut and the daft statements and the body hair and the Streisand connection and the silly clothes and the general for-God's-sake-notice-me demeanour.

Nor can the matter be wholly explained by the technicalities of tennis, his reliance on a phenomenal service return in a competition dominated by service. There is something else, something intangible.

Tennis is not just about tennis. If that were so, doubles would be the favoured form of the professional game. Doubles gives you better shots, better rallies, greater parity of competition.

But tennis is not simply a matter of forehands and backhands. Singles engages the world's attention because it is a duel. It is a clash of personalities, dramatised before our eyes.

Tennis singles is a natural spectator sport, unlike, say, squash. There is invariably an intimate, catalytic relationship between audience and players. The fact that the game fits beautifully into a television screen has made the game rich and powerful.

It is a guiding principle, and one I have certainly mentioned before, that sport does not create character, it reveals it. An athlete cannot help but express what he or she is in the heat of competition.

Some players love to perform before big crowds. Others would prefer matches to be played behind closed doors, and there are still others to whom the crowd is a matter of complete indifference. I am not talking about stunts and hats and headbands. I am still talking about tennis.

Jim Courier lost to Marc Rosset in the Davis Cup final last year. A bear-garden of a Texan crowd yelled the house down with every point that Courier scored for the United States, and they did their damnedest to put Rosset off as well. Rosset drew strength and inspiration from this. As for Courier, the needs of the crowd brought out his fallibility.

Agassi can find inspiration in the crowd. The heat and noise of battle finds him trying the sort of shot that no one would dream of in practice. Agassi is what Hunter S Thompson would call "a connoisseur of edgework". Tennis on the far edge of the possible is what sets crowds alight.

Leconte has always been a connoisseur of edgework. He knows no other way of working. People say that he has never won the titles his skills deserved, that had he been able to add resolution to his extraordinary and often inspired skills, he would have won a handful of grand slam titles.

But that does not add up. It is like saying that if Leconte had been someone else, he would have been a different person. Not even Leconte can avoid the ineluctable rule: like Courier and Sampras, he must play what he is. Leconte feeds from the crowd's enthusiasm. But one imagines that Courier and Sampras would play the same game, crowd or no crowd. Consistency, resilience hustle toughness. These are virtues, but uninteresting ones. How much more fascinating are the vices of the edgework merchants: flakey, profligate, temperamental, flashy, crazy.

I do not wish to say anything against Courier and Sampras — their achievements speak for them, four grand slam titles for Courier, one for Sampras. But all the same, the idea of tennis played entirely by the Couriers of this world does not bear thinking about.

Martínez loses poise as Graf picks up steam

BY DAVID MILLER

CONCHITA Martinez, the youthful Italian open champion who strikes the ball down both flanks as well as any woman at Wimbledon, could do with the advice that Helen Wills once gave Lili de Alvarez, likewise from Spain. It might have helped Martinez to stretch Steffi Graf that much further in her grand slam sem-final debut yesterday.

The flamboyant emotional de Alvarez, who lost three consecutive Wimbledon semi-finals from 1926 to Kitty Godfree and Helen Wills, twice, was another who demonstrated that, at the top, winners need more than wonderful timing. The video of yesterday's 7-6 (7-0) 6-3 defeat will remind Martinez, if she needs reminding, that following the marvellous eleventh game, which she won after six deuces, she took only one of the next 15 points.

Wills, who won eight Wimbledon singles titles, was listening on one occasion to de Alvarez relating, at length, how she had *nearly* defeated the redoubtable Elizabeth Ryan in a particular match. Wills silently drummed her fingers on the table, and at last interrupted. "Lili, dear," she said, in that crushing way no man can emulate, "you either win. Or lose."

Martinez is not a loser by any means. She was the first Spanish woman to win in Rome this year since de Alvarez in 1930. Last year, she reached five tour finals and took a set off Graf in Florida; this year, she has won three titles. Yesterday, however, her game collapsed at the very moment she was captivating the centre court with the flow of her flat drives.

As Graf suddenly began to run rings round her, like a labrador toying in the park with a poodle, Martinez cast imploring glances at the sky, at the linesman, at her impassive parents in the stand. Her shoulders sank, her feet trailed between points, and Graf, changing up a gear, accelerated away into her sixth Wimbledon final in seven years.

It had all looked so promising for Martinez early on. Forcing the ball on to Graf's sliced, less penetrating backhand side, she was forcing her famed opponent around the back of the court, preventing her getting to the net. Winning two rallies in the fourth game, against service, as Graf was manoeuvred into backhand and then forehand errors, Martinez led 3-1. She served for 4-1, and was 30-0 on Graf's next service.

Her temporary domination ended in the seventh game. Graf, never seeming flustered and having the comfort of a 7-0 record against Martinez, broke back for 3-4 and then three big serves gave her 4-4. Then came the best game of the match, the eleventh. Three times Martinez found herself game point behind but each time rallied. Three times she had game point herself but could not clinch it, finally doing so at the fourth attempt with a big smash. Would Graf falter serving to save the set?

Anything but. She served a love-game and then took seven points in a row to claim the tie-break. The girl at the other end was suddenly unrecognisable, and so it continued into the first game of the second set.

When Graf broke for 3-1, with a drive to the line on Martinez's backhand side which the Spaniard thought was wide, you could see the last shred of resistance vanish.

"When I lost my serve going for 5-2, that was a little bit bad," Martinez lamented afterwards. "Then, I don't know ... she played really good and I couldn't do a lot ... The tie-break? What can I say? I mean, she was serving really good and it was difficult for me to return ... Now I know that I can come back and play OK on grass, that it's not difficult." This was her second Wimbledon.

Maybe Martinez will decide that her future lies primarily on clay, such as Rome, but she did enough in that first set yesterday to show that an attacking player, even in the class of Graf, can be kept away from the net by those superb passing shots. What she needs is the confidence to believe that winning is not beyond her.

Graf looked unplayable in those moments when her serve was deep and her forehand was booming, but there was an element of inconsistency that Novotna might well exploit in the final. Herself a volleyer, Novotna could well work on Graf's backhand, and if she returned service the better, then Graf might not be assured of her fifth victory.

"It took me a little while to start," Graf reflected. "After I got the feeling of what she was doing, I simply tried to rush the net a little bit more than usual, and it paid off very well. Novotna? I've been saying it all along. She's got the talent, she's got the game and we had a lot of close matches last year. I'll have to have a very solid serve and work on my return, which hasn't been particularly good today."

□ Martina Hingis, 12, born in the former Czechoslovakia but residing in Switzerland, reached the semi-finals of the under-18 girls' singles by beating the junior world No 1, Nano Louarsabishvily, of Georgia, 7-5, 7-5 yesterday. Hingis is contracted to International Management Group, and her equipment is furnished by leading companies.

After her match, she said she was enjoying herself despite the unfamiliar surroundings. "Why should I think about things going wrong?" she said. "I never think I'm going to lose. I'm just doing my best."



Booking her place: Graf disposes of Martínez yesterday to advance to the Wimbledon singles final

MEN'S HEAD-TO-HEADS

Pete Sampras (US) level with Boris Becker (Ger), 3-3

Year	Tournament	Surface	Winner	Score
1990	Stockholm	carpet	Becker	6-4, 6-4
1991	Indianapolis	hard	Sampras	7-5, 3-6, 6-3
1991	Stockholm	carpet	Becker	7-5, 7-5
1991	ATP Finals	carpet	Becker	6-4, 6-7, 6-1
1992	Indianapolis	hard	Sampras	6-7, 6-2, 7-6
1992	ATP Finals	carpet	Sampras	7-6, 7-6

Jim Courier (US) level with Stefan Edberg (Swe), 4-4

Year	Tournament	Surface	Winner	Score
1989	Basle	carpet	Courier	7-5, 3-6, 2-6, 6-0, 7-5
1989	Stockholm	carpet	Edberg	3-6, 6-3, 6-4
1990	Indian Wells	hard	Edberg	6-4, 6-1
1991	Australian Open	hard	Edberg	4-6, 6-0, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
1991	French Open	clay	Courier	6-4, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
1991	US Open	hard	Edberg	6-2, 6-4, 6-0
1992	Australian Open	hard	Courier	6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2
1993	Australian Open	hard	Courier	6-2, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5

Old stagers to reprise double act

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE final of the Wimbledon men's singles promises to be an echo of the past. Although the seeding committee accurately predicted the last four for the first time in 66 years, the tournament is likely to be completed on Sunday with the second and fourth seeds in opposition.

The two survivors will probably be Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, as in 1988, 1989 and 1990. Natural exponents of the grass-court game, they have won the title five times between them, and one of them has been runner-up on four occasions.

Becker and Pete Sampras each have won three of their six previous meetings. Edberg and Jim Courier are also level after eight but both pairs will be meeting each other for the first time on grass.

Courier said: "I regard myself as a Lendl." The only grand slam championship to elude Lendl is Wimbledon. "I'm not comfortable on it but I can play well at times. I would like to keep coming here, and eventually be able to have a crack at it."

Courier has never beaten anyone seeded higher than 15 at Wimbledon. But he is accustomed to beating Edberg, and invariably in a grand slam event, though in the 1991 US Open final the Swede won in little more than two hours for the loss of only six games.

Edberg considers himself to have been playing at only 80 per cent of his capacity. The weakness has been his service.

Sampras's problem has been a shoulder injury. He admits that he has not been operating at full power.

Nor was Becker when he opened against Marc Goellner. He has since become so irresistible that Michael Stich, the 1991 champion considered one of the favourites after winning the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's, could not break his service in more than four hours on Wednesday.

Since becoming the youngest player to win the title, in 1985, Becker has been beaten only six times at Wimbledon, and he regards the centre court as his home. He and his familiar Swedish foe should again have the place to themselves on closing day.

Cows welcome heat wave

ANIMAL lovers can take comfort from the knock-on effect of the hot weather at Wimbledon. Usually the racket-stringing people of SW19 reckon to work on 700 rackets as players look for different string tensions to cope with the usually variable weather conditions. But with constant sunshine, Lucien Nogues, the stringer to the stars, has only had 400 rackets delivered to his door. Taking on average the innards of 2½ cows to restring each racket, that makes a total saving of 740 cows this year.

In the pink

After the great white shirt scam of '93 (players claiming free white shirts if their own tennis kit fails the predominately white rule) comes the great pink towel scare. To mark the 100th women's championships, all lady players have been given pink towels, as opposed to the usual green, to take on court. But after the match they are supposed to give them back. At £19 a throw, the towels are proving popular souvenirs and supplies are fast diminishing. But with only Steffi Graf and Jana Novotna left in the singles, any culprits will be easy to trace between now and the end of the championships.

Shopping list

So far the Wimbledon shop has sold almost 14,000 hats of various decriptions, about 28,000 T-shirts and 3,000 pairs of strawberry socks, as souvenirs to visitors. Apparently buying habits vary from nation to nation. The Japanese want everything in extra small sizes and buy up to ten of each item while the Americans favour one item but like it extra large.

Women in tune

A women's military band will play on centre court before both the women's and the men's finals. The Staff Band of the Adjutant General's Corps, will break with tradition on two counts — firstly that women should play on the centre court and secondly that this is the first women's band to feature two men.

Quote of the day

Jana Novotna on beating Martina Navratilova: "I came to this match at a little disadvantage. Martina has won nine times and centre court is her home. I was the one who had not played on centre court the whole tournament."

ALIX RAMSAY

RESULTS

Men's singles
Winner £305,000
Runner-up £152,000
Holder: A Agassi (US)
Late result from Wednesday
Quarter-final
B BECKER bt M STICH (Ger), 7-6, 6-7, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Men's doubles
Holders: J P McEnroe (US) and M Stich (Ger)
Quarter-final
G CONNELL (Can) and P GALBRAITH (US) bt R BERGH (Swe) and B Talbot (SA), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
T A WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt P Kuhnen (Ger) and G Muller (SA), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's singles
Winner £275,000
Runner-up £137,500
Holder: S Graf (Ger)
Yesterday
Semi-finals
S GRAF (Ger) bt C MARTINEZ (Sp), 7-6, 6-3.
J NOVOTNA (Cz Rep) bt M NAVRATILOVA (US), 6-4, 6-4.

Women's doubles
Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus)
Yesterday
Semi-final
L NEILAND (Lat) and J Novotna (Cz Rep) bt P H SHRIVER (US) and P D SMYLIE (Aus), 6-2, 6-2.
G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Belarus) bt M J FERNANDEZ and Z L GARRISON-JACKSON (US), 3-6, 6-1, 10-8.

Mixed doubles
Holders: C Suk (Cz) and Mrs L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat)
Late results from Wednesday
Third round
T NIJSSEN and Miss M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) bt R LEACH and Mrs Z L GARRISON-JACKSON (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.
Yesterday
Quarter-finals
T NIJSSEN and Miss M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) bt J Apell and Miss M Strandlund (Swe), 6-2, 6-3.

Boys singles
Quarter-finals
J Szymanski (Ven) bt J Appel (US), 6-2, 7-6.
B Ellwood (Aus) bt J Novak (Cz Rep), 6-2, 7-6.
R Sabau (Rom) bt A Strambini (Switz), 6-2, 6-1.
N Escude (Fr) bt L Burgsmuller (Ger), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

Boys doubles
Late results from Wednesday
First round (British only)
M W P Coombs (GB) and J A Fox (GB) bt V Martins (Br) and P Zamoni (Br), 4-6 7-5, 6-4; D Van Scheppingen and R Wassen (Holl) bt L J Sabin (GB) and A Shafik (Pak), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; G Kuerten (Bra) and N Lapentti (Ecu) bt J P Fallis (GB) and R Lumsden (Jam), 6-1, 6-1; J Delgado and T J Spinks (GB) bt R Sabau (Rom) and J Stoces (Cz Rep), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; J Appel and J Roddick (US) bt J N R Baily (GB) and E Erlich (Isr), 6-3, 7-6; P G Martin and L J Milligan (GB) bt C N'goran and N Sangare (Iv C), 6-2, 4-6, 12-10.
Yesterday
Second round
N Godwin and G Williams (SA) bt M W P Coombs and J A Fox (GB), 6-1, 6-7, 6-2.

Girls singles
Yesterday
Quarter-finals
S H Park (S Kor) bt L Richterova (Slovakia), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.
R Grande (It) bt H Rusch (Ger), 6-4, 2-1.
M Hingis (Switz) bt N Louarsabishvily (Geo), 7-5, 7-5.
N Feber bt L Courtois (Bel), 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Girls doubles
Late results from Wednesday
First round (British only)
M D Campana (Ecu) and B Castro (Chile) bt L Austin (GB) and K Nugent (Ire), 6-3, 6-2; L Cenkova and G Nelikova (Cz Rep) bt E M Fletcher and C Reid (GB), 6-3, 6-1; Z Nemsakova and L Richterova (Slovakia) bt F Hearn and Z Mellis (GB), 6-3, 6-4; A Basica and J Lee (US) bt T Croson and S S Tse (GB), 6-3, 6-4; M Hingis and J Manta (Switz) bt M E Abrate (Arg) and M Miller (GB) 6-1, 6-1; M Diaz Oliva (Arg) and T T Weng (Taiwan) bt R M Hughes and K V Warne-Holland (GB), 6-1, 6-2; J M Pullin and L Woodroffe (GB) bt F M La'o (Phil) and N Vaidyanathan (Indo), 6-1, 6-1; C Taylor and A M H Wainwright (GB) bt N De Villiers and L Hilge (SA), 6-1, 6-2; M Koutstaal (Holl) and A Pastor (Fr) bt H Matthews and J McMahon (GB), 6-4, 6-3.
Yesterday
Second round
J M Pullin and L Woodroffe (GB) bt A Basica and J Lee (US), 6-4, 6-0.

The Return of the Pink Panther.

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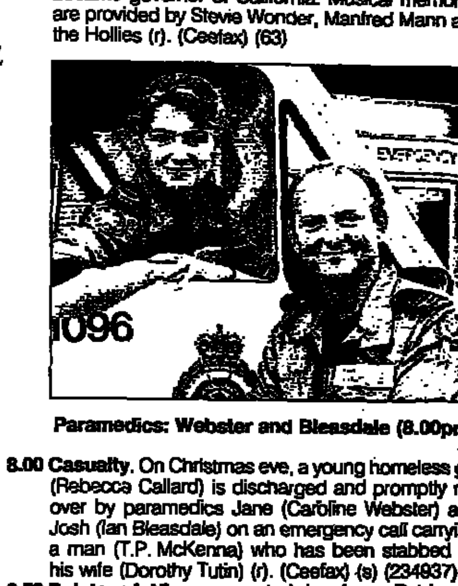
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (39043)
7.00 Breakfast News (16959550)
9.05 Morning Surgery. The workings of the thyroid gland and an explanation of reflexology (s) (1839173) **9.20 Summer Mornings on BBC1**. Ross King previews the morning entertainment on BBC1 in the summer (s) (1379482) **9.30 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (84869)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3276444) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (4513802) **10.30 Bump** (r) (7373840) **10.35 Cartoons** (9827395) **10.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (7756550)
10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the third Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s) (34207173). Includes, at **12.00, News** (Ceefax), *regional news at weather* **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36535579)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (73314) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (72464024)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. Coverage of the men's singles semi-finals (s) (85504937)
4.10 Babar (r) (3562482) **4.35 Hartbeat**. Advice on better picture making (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1489289)
5.00 Newsround (4273937) **5.05 Round the Twist**. The penultimate episode of the Australian comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (2471685)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (927937). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (27)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (79). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (4598)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. 1966 — the year England won the football world cup and Ronald Reagan became governor of California. Musical memories are provided by Stevie Wonder, Manfred Mann and the Hollies (r). (Ceefax) (63)

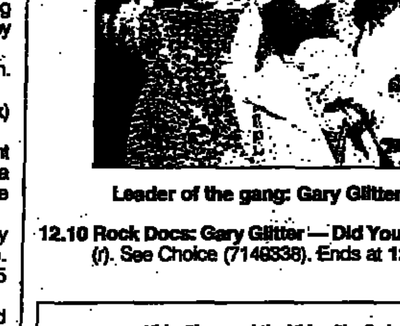


Paramedics: Webster and Bleasdale (8.00pm)

8.00 Casualty. On Christmas eve, a young homeless girl (Rebecca Callard) is discharged and promptly run over by paramedics Jane (Caroline Webster) and Josh (Ian Bleasdale) on an emergency call carrying a man (T.P. McKenna) who has been stabbed by his wife (Dorothy Tutin) (r). (Ceefax) (s) (234937)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (547901)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7289)
9.30 Crimewatch File. A reconstruction of an important police investigation into the fatal shooting of a uniformed officer during a routine enquiry in the centre of Leeds (r). (Ceefax) (618937)
10.25 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights, introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (406314). **Wales:** The State 10.55 Today at Wimbledon 11.55 Film: No Way to Treat a Lady 1.40-2.20 Cricket
11.25 Film: No Way to Treat a Lady (1968) starring Rod Steiger, Lee Remick and George Segal. Diverting thriller-cum-black comedy about a killer of middle-aged women with a mother-fixation. Directed by Jack Smight. (Ceefax) (329482)
1.10am Cricket: Third Test. Highlights of the second day's play at Trent Bridge (s) (3030680)
1.50 Weather (7916574)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: *Mathematical Models and Methods* (7924531) **7.10** Data Models and Databases (6810043) **7.35** Maths. Transformations in Action (3879227)
8.00 Breakfast News (2789821)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's proceedings in both Houses (1031531)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon Highlights of yesterday's women's singles semi-finals, introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (r) (s) (21249840)
10.40 Film: It's a Gift (1934, b/w) starring W.C. Fields. Ramshackle but often very funny comedy about a henpecked and harassed small-town American shopkeeper with a termagant of a wife and objectionable children, who keeps his sanity by dreaming of buying a California orange grove. Directed by Norman Z. McCleod (9862666)
11.45 Penny Crayon. Animated adventures (r) (8997598)
11.55 Puppydog Tales (r) (7937531)
12.00 Wimbledon 93. Desmond Lynam introduces coverage of the men's singles semi-finals. The commentators are John Barrett, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall and David Mercer (s) (287395)
1.35 Wimbledon 93 and Cricket. Further Championship cover and from the third Test between England and Australia at Trent Bridge. The commentators there are Richie Benaud, Geoff Boycott, Ray Illingworth and Jack Bannister. Introduced by Tony Lewis. 1.35-4.00 (81568734) 4.00-6.00 (1647) 6.00-8.30 (651444). Includes *News (Ceefax) and weather at* **2.00, 3.00** *and* **3.50**
8.30 Gardeners' World. Richard Mabey goes plant spotting on the Norfolk coast; there is a visit to a Vita Sackville-West-inspired garden in West Wickham, south London; and Lynda Brown checks on her old traditional vegetable varieties at Barnsdale. (Ceefax) (s) (3145)
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Continuing a repeat run of the Mel and Griff's first series of comedy sketches With Brenda Blethyn, Hugh Burden, Phil Nice and Tony Robinson. (Ceefax) (8531)
9.30 One Foot in the Past (s). See Choice (66463)
10.00 The Brain Drain. *Question Time* spoof chaired by Jimmy Mulville in which members of the studio audience question a panel of comedians on matters of the moment (s) (38192)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (s) (643043)
11.15 Later with Jools Holland. The guests in this week's edition of the music show are Lenny Kravitz, Bjork and Paul Westerburg (s) (891753). **Wales:** Wales in Westminster 11.45 Later with Jools Holland 12.35am Weather 12.40-1.15 Rock Docs
12.05am Weather (2243338)

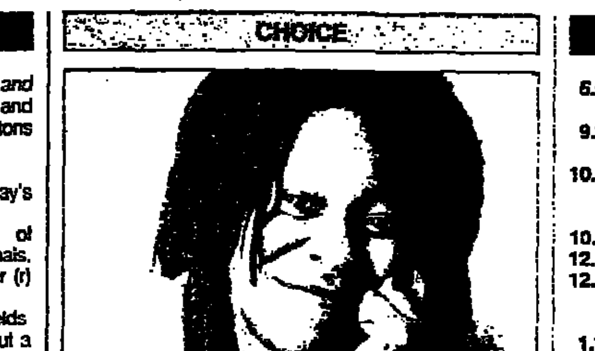


Leader of the gang: Gary Glitter (12.10am)

12.10 Rock Docs: Gary Glitter — Did You Miss Me . . ? (r). See Choice (7149338). Ends at **12.50**

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CHOICE



The art of comedy: Whoopi Goldberg (C4, 10.30pm)

Wisecracks
Channel 4, 10.30pm

A Canadian film-maker Gail Singer investigates the art of the female stand-up comic with the help of interviews, archive clips and, most of all, footage from performances. There is little attempt to impose a pattern or make a thesis. Some of the women use their acts to make feminist points, notably a threesome called the Clichettes who provocatively appear as naked men. Other performers, such as Whoopi Goldberg, deliberately efface their gender and get on with the jokes. The lurking question is what it takes to be a woman in what is still very much a male preserve. One answer, clearly, is courage. There is a lot of talent on display, much of it unfamiliar to a British audience, and it offers some relishable one-liners.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 9.30pm

Taking time off from advertising Sainsbury's, Lord Denis Healey visits Bolton Abbey in his adopted county of Yorkshire. *It is* a tender contribution from a robust politician, a chance to recall childhood picnics and bicycle rides and muse on 800 years of English history. Healey's parting thought is that while religion *may do a lot of harm it is hard to visit Bolton Abbey* and deny the world of the spirit. Healey's quiet enthusiasm contrasts with the more showy contribution of Loyd Grossman, who looks at the pleasures and drawbacks of living with a listed building. Heritage concerns of a more topical nature are reflected in an item about the uncertain future of London's splendid Albert Memorial.

Rock Docs: Gary Glitter
BBC2, 12.10am

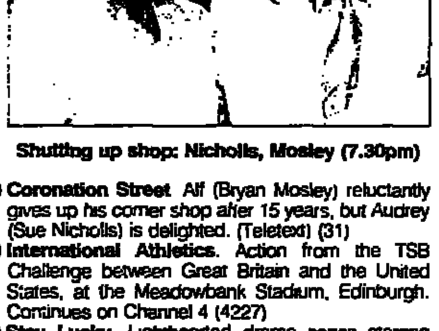
An *Arena* film from 1981 captures the tinfoil man as he is about to make a come-back from bankruptcy. With his outrageous suits, bared chest and platform shoes, Glitter was a big star of the seventies who made his million and then lost it all trying to live like Rod Stewart or Elton John. Chirpily unapologetic, and refusing to take himself the slightest bit seriously, he visits his old school, shows us the street corner where he used to sell newspapers and mingles, apparently unrecognised, with the travellers at Victoria Station. Curiously much of the meat for the film comes from Glitter's appearance on *Desert Island Discs*. You get the feeling that Roy Plomley does *not* really approve but he does his best not to show it.

Shock Corridor
Channel 4, 11.30pm

This flamboyant offering from the cult director Samuel Fuller earned a footnote in the history of British censorship by being banned for seven years. The reason, strangely, was not so much sex or violence, though there is both, but taste. A journalist (Peter Breck) is trying to win a Pulitzer prize by solving a murder in a mental asylum. To get his story he pretends to be mad himself, only for real madness to take over. It is a typical Fuller picture, tough, racy, sensational, the filmic equivalent of tabloid *journalism*. Critics seize on the melodramatic plotting and banal dialogue. Admirers see a withering critique of American society, composed with Fuller's gut feel for the language of cinema. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV The guests include the comedian Tony Hawks and the singer Gloria Estefan (5425289)
9.25 Talkabout Game show (5183005) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4522550)
10.00 Out of this World American comedy series about a schoolgirl who inherits her alien father's powers (r) (s) (38755)
10.30 This Morning Weekday magazine (91513005)
12.10 Tots TV Children's puppet series (r) (s) (2387463)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes (Teletext) Weather (7677840) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17483753)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (332444) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama (s) (314043)
2.15 Rage of Angels Episode one of a four-part adaptation of Sidney Sheldon's blockbuster, starring Victoria Principal as a lawyer with two men on her mind (r) (7126622)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3478208) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3477579) **3.20 The Young Doctors** Drama series (2987005)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (3039734) **3.55 Agata**. A children's drama from Switzerland (5775869) **4.15 Talespin** (r) (s) (3556821) **4.40 Kappatoo II**. Episode six of the seven-part comedy science fiction adventure (r) (2965802)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2465024)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (544753)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. The guests include the singer Kim Wilde (Teletext) (58444)
7.00 Through the Keyhole Celebrity home game show presented by Sir David Frost with Loyd Grossman. Tonight's panel is Chris Tarrant, Lisa Aziz and Alan Titchmarsh. (Teletext) (s) (9666)

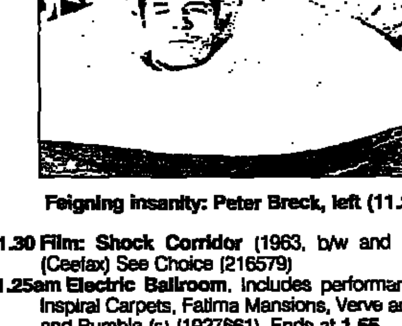


Shutting up shop: Nicholls, Mosley (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Alf (Bryan Mosley) reluctantly gives up his corner shop after 15 years, but Audrey (Sue Nicholls) is delighted. (Teletext) (31)
8.00 International Athletics. Action from the TSB Challenge between Great Britain and the United States, at the Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh. Continues on Channel 4 (4227)
9.00 Stay Lucky. Lighthearted drama series starring Dennis Waterman. This week Thomas and Lively are asked by Franklyn to deliver a lorry to Budapest. As usual, things do not go according to plan. With Niall Tobin and Rula Lenska. (Teletext) (s) (4463)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (32918) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (494869)
10.40 The London Programme. Topical investigations (969482)
11.10 Tour of Duty. Vietnam war drama series (r) (870260) **12.05am The ITV Chart Show** (3136338)
1.05 Whale On. James Whale dominates another edition of the music and discussion show (364522)
2.10 Rugby. Live coverage of the third and deciding match between New Zealand and the British Lions, introduced by Alastair Hignell in Auckland. The commentator is John Taylor. This extended programme includes a review of the tour (82446135)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (63628)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) Classic Lucille Ball comedy series (96956)
6.45 Ovide Animated series (9128463)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (63937)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (42395)
9.30 Film: Silent Conflict (1948, b/w) Simple-minded western fare as Hopalong Cassidy (William Boyd) foils a plot to steal money belonging to cattle ranchers. Directed by George Archainbaud (4395043)
10.40 The Road to Avonlea. Family drama series set in rural Canada (r) (s) (3361043)
11.40 New York, New York. Francis Thompson's short film, made in 1958, in which he transforms New York into a wonderland by using a selection of special lenses (r) (3314550)
12.00 The Parliament Programme A report by Anne Perkins on yesterday's proceedings in both Houses (22531)
12.30 Sesame Street Pre-school learning series. The guest is Cab Calloway (r) (58395)
1.30 Foofur Canine cartoon adventures (r) (24215666)
1.55 Profiles of Nature: Black Bear. A Canadian wildlife documentary about the private life of the black bear (24223685)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.30, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.05 races. The commentators are Jim McGrath and John Tyrrel (547289)
4.20 Fifteen to One. The final of the quick-fire general knowledge quiz. The question-master is William G Stewart (7212444)
5.00 Magic or Medicine? A repeat of Monday's programme in which Dr Rob Buckman looks at alternative therapies (Teletext) (6579)
6.00 Blossom. American comedy series starring, this week, Stephanie Beacham as a Los Angeles Mrs Robinson (s) (37)
6.30 Happy Days American campus comedy (Teletext) (89)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shahnaz Pakravan (Teletext) Weather (946734)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (557260)
8.00 Revenge of the Rain Gods Rosie Swales continues her Central American expedition and reaches Guatemala in her search of the lost Mayan civilisation (r) (Teletext) (6956)
8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close (Teletext) (s) (391519)
8.55 Athletics continued from ITV. Great Britain v the United States for the TSB Challenge from Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh, introduced by Jim Rosenthal. The commentators are Peter Matthews, Alan Parry and Steve Ovett (1761531)
10.00 Roseanne. Raucous blue-collar comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. With guest appearances from Red Buttons and Estelle Parsons. (Teletext) (s) (23260)
10.30 Wisecracks. (Teletext) See Choice (45802)



Feigning insanity: Peter Breck, left (11.30pm)

11.30 Film: Shock Corridor (1963, b/w and colour). (Ceefax) See Choice (216579)
1.25am Electric Ballroom. Includes performances by Inspiral Carpets, Fatima Mansions, Verve and Blink and Bumble (s) (1927661). Ends at **1.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15pm Marquee (306024) **2.45-3.10** Coach (8830442) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2465024) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (282753) **10.45** Wheels (431579) **11.45** Love & War (901869) **12.10am-1.05** Night Heat (3145086)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45pm Challenge of the Seas (314043) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (7126622) **3.20-3.50** GP (2987005) **6.00** Lookaround (95) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (47) *10.40* Scotch and Irish (969482) **11.10** Tour of Duty (532598) **12.10am-1.05** The War of the Worlds (3145086)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (362444) **1.45** Home and Away (314043) **2.15-3.10** Father Dowling (3856753) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (2987005) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (2465024) **6.00** Home and Away (591024) **6.25-7.00** Central News (282753) **10.40** Crime Stalker (969482) **11.10** Film: Under the Influence (391227) **12.55am-2.05** Whale On (3273609)

GRANADA
As London except: 2.15pm-3.10 Life Goes On (7126622) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2987005) **5.10-5.40** The $64,000 Question (2465024) **6.00** Home and Away (591024) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (509043) **10.40** Married...with Children (969482) **11.10** The Best of Juice (639918) **11.40** The War of the Worlds: Among the Philistines (131918) **12.35am-1.05** Love & War (8328998)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Fashion File (314043) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (7126622) **6.00** HTV News (95) **6.30-7.00** Great Westerners (47) **10.40** First Cu (749686) **11.40-1.05am** Film: Night Games (Barry Newman, Susan Howard, Albert Salmi) (414463)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Sportsman's Bar **11.10-11.40** Married With Children **1.05** Whale On (364522) **2.05-5.30** The Lions' Tour (82446135)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00pm-7.00 Meridian Tonight (58444) **10.40** This Man This Woman (16600043) **12.45am** Whale On (916795) **1.45-2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (11883)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Mistral's Daughter (2369734) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (929647) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (47) **10.40** Point of Order (969482) **11.10-1.05** Film: Delta County USA (Jim Antonio, Jeff Conaway, Robert Hays) (784260)

ULSTER
As London except: 2.15pm-3.10 Life Goes On (7126622) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2987005) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (58444) **10.40** Love and War (969482) **11.10** Beverly Hills 90210 (532598) **12.10am-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (3145086)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (314043) **2.15** The Sullivans (306024) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (8830442) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2987005) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (58444) **10.40** Crime Stalker (969482) **11.15** The War of the Worlds (879531) **12.10am-1.05** Live on Stage (3145086)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Mistral's Daughter (2369734) **5.55** Calendar (929647) **6.30-7.00** Your Big Day (47) **10.40** *Married...with Children* (969482) **11.10-1.05** Film: Delta County USA (784260)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (63937) **9.00** *You Bet Your Life* (42395) **9.30** *Film:* Dangerous Venture (7783734) **10.35** Foofur (9829753) **10.45** Road to Avonlea (7700531) **11.40** A Dream of Norway (3314550) **12.00** Parliament Programme (22531) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (71395) **1.00** Dr Snuggles (34400395) *1.25 Take Five (34418314)* **1.55** Frontline (24223685) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (547289) **4.20** Billy the Fish (2360685) **4.30** Oilman's Oasis (44) **5.00** Fifteen To One (7444) **5.30** Brookside (24) **6.00** News (966314) **6.10** Heno (393206) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7206) **7.30** Amser Tw Gollo (73) **8.00** Cwn Defaid (6955) **8.30** News (391519) **8.55** Pawb A'i Farn (569250) **9.45** San Steffan (396685) **10.00** Roseanne (23260) **10.30** Athletics (45802) **11.30** Film: Shock Corridor (216579) **1.25** Electric Ballroom (1927661) **1.55** Close

RTE 1
Starts: 9.55 Children's Programmes **12.40** Oireachtas Report (49242227) **1.00** News (89859260) **1.05** Aerial Financial Pages (89858531) **1.10** The Rich Tradition (17755286) **1.35** Sons and Daughters (13123840) **2.00** GP (4786395) **3.00** News (6869289) **3.05** The Far Pavilions (7717289) **4.00** News (21687840) **4.05** The Sullivans (30921024) **4.30** Poldark (2295111) **5.30** A Country Practice (5822173) **6.00** The Angelus (4287717) **6.01** Six-One (5652314) **6.30** Formula 1 Saga (5843666) **7.00** Home Improvement (4780111) **7.30** The Corner House (5832550) **8.00** Minder (6840579) *8.00 News (8100840)* **9.30** *Lifelines* (22683735) **10.45** Film: Death of a Soldier (73376550) **12.20** News (5519864) **12.25** A Prayer at Bedtime (5518135) **12.30** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16427685) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3205531) **9.10** Cartoons (6284753) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (26869) **10.00** Card Sharks (5036260) **10.25** Concentration (8441376) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2766579) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (19005) **11.30** Falcon Crest (99869) **12.30pm** E Street (20685) **1.00** Another World (4971531) **1.45** Three's Company (952227) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (690260) **3.15** Different Strokes (933192) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5424395) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5869) **6.00** Games World (5111) **6.30** E Street (6463) **7.00** Rescue (6598) **7.30** Full House (2647) **8.00** WWF Mania (51579) **9.00** Code 3 (39869) **9.30** Xposure (21691) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (34602) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (92463)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (83376) **8.30** News and Business Report (614208) **9.30** Nightline (88463) **10.30** 48 Hours (79227) **11.30** International Business Report (80111) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (73043) **1.30** Good Morning America (41444) **2.30** Parliament (99208) **3.30** The Lords (76507) **4.30** News and Business Report (2260) **5.00** Live at Five (206918) **7.30** 48 Hours (9519) **9.30** Talkback (98869) *11.30* ABC News (57173) **12.30am** 48 Hours (85574) **1.30** ABC News (78067) **2.30** Getaway (84777) **3.30** ABC News (89222) **4.30** Those Were The Days (12999) **5.30-6.00** ABC *News* (94512)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2378024)
10.00 The Adventures of Hercules (1985). Starring Lou Ferrigno (91173)
12.00 The Southern Star (1969): George Segal searches for a diamond (67229)
2.00pm A Separate Peace (1972) Drama *about students in New England during the* second world war (58482)
4.00 Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen (1981): Peter Ustinov plays the Oriental detective (5963)
6.00 The Adventures of Hercules (as 10am) (45918)
8.00 Babe Ruth (1991) Stephen Lang plays the New York Yankees baseball star (28562289) **9.40 US Top Ten** (193685)
10.00 Highlander II — The Quickening (1991) Immortal Christopher Lambert returns to save the earth (984208)
11.35 Hard to Kill (1990): Steven Seagal is shot and left for dead (555555)

1.10am China White (1990): Heroin smugglers conflict in Amsterdam (250845)
2.45 Carry on Emmannuelle (1978): Ribald comedy with Suzanne Danielle (1668651)
4.10 She's Out of Control (1989): Tony Danza disapproves of daughter Ami Dolenz's boyfriends (8562086). Ends at **5.40**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm And Now Tomorrow (1944, b/w): Poor doctor Alan Ladd falls in love with wealthy deaf patient Loretta Young (36208)
8.00 Cattle Queen of Montana (1954): Western with Barbara Stanwyck (31753)
10.00 The Enforcer (1976): Dirty Harry, Clint Eastwood, teams up with Tyne Daly (65918) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Abbott and Costello Meet the Keystone Cops (1954, b/w). Comedy with Bud and Lou (43956)
8.00 Hiawatha. Cartoon based on Longfellow's poem about an Indian warrior (87753)
9.00 Black Arrow Animation (87192)
10.00 Irma La Douce (1963): Gendarme Jack Lemmon falls in love with prostitute Shirley MacLaine (57024395)
12.25pm The Bingo Long Travelling All-Stars and Motor Kings (1976). Comedy about a black baseball team (451918)
2.15 The Mysterious Murder of Thelma Todd (1991): Loni Anderson plays a 1930s Hollywood star (767163)
4.00 Hiawatha (as 8am) (26395)
5.00 Black Arrow (as 9am) (8579)
6.00 Spymaker — The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1991) Jason Connery stars as the author of the James Bond novels (36260)
8.00 Dances with Wolves (1990). Kevin Costner befriends Sioux Indians (446734)
11.00 Casualties of War (1989): Vietnam war drama with Michael J. Fox (580531)
12.55am Scenes from a Mall (1990): Woody Allen and Bette Midler contemplate love, marriage and divorce (7239357)
2.25 Blood Moon (1990): A killer preys on girls at a Catholic school (976932)
4.05 Spymaker — The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (as 6pm) (743503) Ends at **5.45**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (18537) **7.00** Kickboxing (60424) **8.00** British Motorsport (10983) **9.00** Prime Bodies (49821) **9.30** *Windsurfing* (76463) **10.00** Wimbledon News (5400444) **10.05** Rugby Union Super Ten (92602043) **12.00** World Team Pool (99314) **1.00pm** US PGA Golf: Sprint Western Open (62332) **3.00** Dubai Open Snooker (89591) **5.00** Kickboxing (7869) **6.00** European League (95598) **7.00** Rugby Union Super Ten (36821) **9.00** Wimbledon News (821821) **9.05** US PGA Golf: Sprint Western Open (52037145) **11.00** British Motorsport (32005) **12.00** Kickboxing '93 (16113) **1.00-3.00am** Dubai Open Snooker (11425)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (20260) **8.00** Canoeing (246821) **11.00** Mountain Biking (46208) **12.00** French Grand Prix (84482) **1.00pm** Football America Cup (60802) **2.00** Karting (11024) **3.00** Basketball (1685) **3.30** Motorcycling (3395) **4.00** Golf (2173) **6.00** Basketball (20821) **7.30** News (2043) **8.00** *Basketball (87181)* **9.30** *Motorsport (36314)* **10.30** French Grand Prix (79482) **11.30** Fencing (24869) **12.30am** News (92680)

UK GOLD
7.00am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (8777043) **7.30** Neighbours (8756550) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2688753) **8.30** EastEnders (2687024) **9.00** The Bill (2578376) **9.30** The Brothers (7091192) **10.30** Colditz (4302024) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3819024) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2681840) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9445550) **1.00** EastEnders (8776314) **1.30** The Bill (9444821) **2.00** Never the Twain (2750289) **2.30** The Mistress (5625647) **3.00** Dallas (3813840) **4.00** Dynasty (3809647) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2774869) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5629463) **6.00** Neighbours (5626376) **6.30** The Brothers (6969208) **7.30** Never the Twain (5639840) **8.00** EastEnders (2763753) **8.30** The Mistress (2742260) **9.00** Colditz (3588753) **10.00** The Bill (2699869) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (2675289) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (3800376) **11.30** Dr Who: The Time Monster (1661050) **12.00** Film: Bela Lugosi Meets a Brooklyn Gorilla (1952, b/w) (60831406) **1.15-2.00** Video Bites (1513715)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (44937) **7.00** Ratkan II (19753) **9.00** Jack in the Box (69260) **11.00** Stories Without Words (29617) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (53586) **12.00** Interbang (31314) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (17734) **2.00** Stories Without Words (7024) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6024) **3.00** Babar (2678005) **3.25** Ratkan II (50342289) **5.00** The Electric String Vest (9181) **6.00-7.00** Fame (37598)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Women and the Military **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Stewart Collins. Including Haydn (Symphony No 94 in D: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Elgar (Serenade in E minor, Op 20: Philharmonia Orchestra under Giuseppe Sinopoli); Giordano (Un di all' azzurro spazio, Andrea Chenier: Franco Corelli, tenor: Vienna State Opera under Lovro von Matacic); Walton (Overture, Portsmouth Point: London Philharmonic under Leonard Slatkin)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Bach in Leipzig. Contrapunctus VI, in the French Style, The Art of Fugue (Musica Antiqua Köln); Trio Sonata in E flat, BWV 525 (Lionel Rogg, organ); Cantata No 206, Schleicht, spielende Wellen, for the birthday of King August III — excerpts (Chamber Chorus of Stuttgart; Concerto Cologne under Frieder Bernius); Sonata on the Royal Theme, Trio Sonata in C minor, A Musical Offering most humbly dedicated to his Royal Majesty, the King of Prussia (Wilbert Hazelzet, flute, Reinhard Goebel, violin, Charles Medlam, viola da gamba, Henk Bouman, harpsichord); Chorale Prelude, Vor deinen Thron tret ich, BWV 668 (Helmut Walcha, organ)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano, plays Haydn (Piano Concerto in D, H XVIII 11: Zurich Chamber Orchestra under Edmond de Stoutz); Schumann (Wintertime, Album for the Young: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Steven Isserlis; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Eliahu Inbal); Shostakovich (Symphony No 5: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Eliahu Inbal)
12.00 Elizabethan Songs, performed by Emma Kirkby, soprano, and Anthony Rooley, lute (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 L'Estro Armonico performs concertos, sonatas and arias by Vivaldi
1.30 Test Match Special: England v Australia. The second afternoon's play of the third Test at Trent Bridge. At **3.45-4.00** Ralph Dellor's minor counties review
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 Aldeburgh Festival '93: Stockholm Chamber Orchestra under Esa-Pekka Salonen performs Jan Sandstrom (Acintyas); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K595: Alexei Lubimov); Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D minor); Bartok (Divertimento for string orchestra)
9.20 The Reith Lectures: Representations of the Intellectual (2/6) (r)
9.50 Virtuoso Italian Baroque Chamber Music: From Scarborough, the Palladian Ensemble performs chaconnes, sonatas, suites and concertos by Merula, Turini, Salaverde, Buonamente, Mealli, Vivaldi and Mattels
10.45 Reaping the Elements: the Arts of St Ives: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil from the ISCM World Music Days in Poland. Wilson (Prime); Andrew Toovey (Black Light); Gorecki (Beatus Vir) **12.30am News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Lynn Gallagher **6.30** Today, with Sue McGregor and John Humphrys, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rt Rev Richard Harries **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner (r)
9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 Adventures at the Edge of the World (**FM** only): Christina Dodwell explores the frozen Kamchatka peninsula in Russia (2/3)
10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Numbers. Read by Michael *Hordern (2/9) (r)*
10.30 Woman's Hour, from Cardiff, discusses new developments in the treatment of post-natal depression; reports on cinema for the blind; visits an exhibition in Swansea of photographs and memorabilia from Italian cafes in South Wales; and talks to the jazz musician and composer Paula Gardiner. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by George Macpherson
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme explores life without sugar **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Classic Serial: The Sea, The Sea, by Iris Murdoch. Second of a four-part dramatisation (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment: *Nicholas Jones investigates* redundancy payments
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde chairs two teams of writers in an end-of-series quiz at the Book Trust in London
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the paintings of Pissarro at the Royal Academy *and Leyhill prison*
4.45 Short Story: An Old, Old Story. Written and narrated by Frederic Raphael (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 A Galactic Guide to the Hitch-Hiker. See Choice
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in *Scarborough by Linda Agran*, head of production at Paravision (UK) Ltd; Roger Freeman, public transport *minister*; Dr Marjorie Mowlam, Opposition spokesperson on the Citizen's Charter and women; and Des Wilson, general election campaign director for the Liberal Democrats
8.50 Law in Action, presented by Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: The Irish singer Mary Coughlan talks about her life and music (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. *Written and read by* Dirk Bogarde (7/12)
11.00 Week Ending
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

A Galactic Guide to the Hitch-Hiker. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*
You need to read the title of this programme very carefully otherwise you will take it for Douglas Adams's comedy serial set in outer space. *It is, in fact,* an enquiry by Sara Parker into the practice of cadging lifts and giving them. There is no limit to the tricks that hitch-hikers employ. One father admits to planting his wife and baby by the roadside while he lurked behind trees nearby. And one girl helped to ensure her *survival in a strange car* by sporting flowing greasy locks, and absolutely no make-up.

Reaping the Elements: the Arts of St Ives. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
An impressive edition of *BBC2's The Late Show* last week drew together the strands of painting, sculpture and pottery that have given this Cornish fishing village its enviable visual arts reputation. In that *programme*, as in David Perry's documentary tonight, the topical peg is the recent opening of the Tate Gallery at St Ives. The danger that this formal act of recognition by the arts establishment could substitute elegant modernism for St Ives's old bohemianism is no *more than hinted at in Reaping the Elements.* **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (**FM** only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Movie Quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Andrew Vinter at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band: Grimethorpe Colliery Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 9-11. **9.15** Playtime. **9.30** The Music Box. **9.45** Something to Think About. **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.00pm** Wimbledon '93 **7.15** Comical Tales: The Librarian and the Robbers, by Margaret Mahy. Read by Stephanie Cole **7.30** Popcall **8.30** International Athletics. Great Britain v USA from Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh **10.10** Rave **Midnight** News and Sport **12.10am** As Radio 1 **3.30** Rugby Union: All Blacks v British Lions from Eden Park, Auckland

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.30** The World That Came in from the Cold **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The World That Came in from the Cold **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Eyes Have It **3.45** Sport **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Haute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** News **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seeing Stars **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** News **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice. Barbara Taylor-Bradford **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto. Britten (Piano Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Smetana (Wallenstein's Camp); Dvořák (Serenade in D minor, Op 44); Janáček (Violin Sonata) *10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth*

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** The Weekend Starts Here **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

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New-look England tell the same old story

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE *(first day of five; England won toss): England have scored 276 for six wickets against Australia*

THE great England reshuffle had infused a melancholy situation with unnatural excitement but yesterday's capacity crowd saw little to suggest that the Australians will have to delay their Ashes celebrations beyond next Tuesday. For much of a deflating day, it was a case of new team, same old story.

Despite the pitch propaganda before this third Cornhill Test, it was a good toss for Graham Gooch to win and England's requirement was a minimum of 450. Instead, against bowling that was frequently modest and sometimes shoddy, the old hands and the new boys found a variety of eccentric ways to get out.

There were runs for Robin Smith, who many would have left out of this game, and for Nasser Hussain, who most would not have picked.

But the innings was undermined by the man of this series to date, Merv Hughes. While others picked up wickets with full tosses and long hops, Hughes was the only Australian whose bowling demanded reward. He struck three times yesterday, including the priceless wicket of Gooch at a time when the captain was threatening to do from the middle order what he has so often done from the top.

Hughes's methods against Gooch were simple, though far from crude. Driven with relish, like every other bowler, whenever he overpitched, Hughes concentrated on digging the ball in short at variable pace, presenting Gooch with differing bounce. Several times, he survived misjudgments before the riveting duel ended with a leading edge to cover as Gooch, squared up, aimed to mid-wicket.

Coming soon after tea, this left England at a precarious 220 for six and the fact that they reached the close without further loss reflected as much credit on the sensible adhesion of Andy Caddick as the abrasive ability of Hussain. The new ball will be only four overs old when play resumes this morning but if the seventh-wicket pair can see it through for another hour, England may yet end up with something respectable for their rookie attack to bowl at.

Gooch has not often had the experience of wishing the England openers luck as they have left the dressing-room. If he was uneasy about it this time, the entire crowd shared the emotion but, as one, they seemed to be willing the young tyro, Mark Lathwell, to justify his lofty billing. He did not fare badly and he will do better in time. His nerve was stretched when a dog held up the start of play but then, in grim light and with the expectations on him almost as unfair as they had once been on Graeme Hick, he got off the mark from the fifth ball.

A loose drive brought him four off the edge but there followed two shots to prove his pedigree, an effortless cover drive against Brendon Julian and, better still, a hook against Hughes for which everything was in position early. His style is all economy, on backlift and footwork, but he might have profited from being forward when Hughes dispatched him in the ninth over.

Smith was possibly lucky to proceed beyond the next over, when Julian had a convincing lbw appeal turned down, but the tall left-armer never bowled two balls the same and could never control the variety. Smith was a borderline selection for this game, but his reaction was positive, refusing to allow the bowlers to dictate. He played his shots from the start, as he invariably does when at his best.

Atherton was sent reluctantly on his way, a bat-pad decision with which he evidently did not agree, but England were cruising at 153 for three when Shane Warne bowled a third consecutive long hop at Alec Stewart. At full stretch, he contrived to toe-end it to cover.

Smith, 14 short of his century, drove a high full toss back to Julian, who caught it instinctively, one-handed to his left, and Graham Thorpe, making his Test debut with a season's average of 25, was taken at gully as Hughes explored his aptitude against the short stuff.

Then came Gooch against Hughes and the rearguard battle by Hussain and Caddick. It was compelling viewing, though you might not have guessed it by the moronic waving, slow handclapping and scrapping by a minority of the crowd.

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TRENT BRIDGE SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
M N Lathwell c Healy b Hughes	20	—	3	33	29
fencing at ball moving away					
M A Atherton c Boon b Warne	11	—	2	76	49
bat-pad to silly point					
R A Smith c and b Julian	88	—	15	135	113
one-handed off hard drive from full toss					
†A J Stewart c M Waugh b Warne	25	—	3	79	64
reaching for long hop, hit straight to cover					
*G A Gooch c Border b Hughes	38	—	7	99	81
rising ball off leading edge to extra cover					
G P Thorpe c S Waugh b Hughes	6	—	—	19	13
short ball looped to slip running in					
Nasser Hussain not out	50	—	7	172	147
A R Caddick not out	10	—	—	104	82
Extras (b 5, lb 19, w 4, nb 2)	30				
Total (8 wkts, 364 min, 96 overs)	276				

M J McCague, M C Ilott and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28 (*Atherton 7*), 2-63 (*Smith 30*), 3-153 (Smith 85), 4-159 (Gooch 5), 5-174 (Gooch 13), 6-220 (Hussain 11).

BOWLING: Hughes 23-5-68-3 (w 2) (6-2-18-1, 4-1-12-0, 6-0-21-1, 4-2-6-1, 3-0-13-0); Julian 20-3-72-1 (nb 2, w 1) (10-1-40-0, 7-0-29-1, 3-2-3-0); Warne 34-13-69-2 (w 1) (17-7-40-2, 7-3-13-0, 10-3-16-0); May 11-4-31-0 (nb 1) (3-0-23-0, 8-4-8-0), S Waugh 8-4-12-0 (one spell).

AUSTRALIA: M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, *A R Border, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, M G Hughes, S K Warne, T B A May, B P Julian.

Umpires: B J Meyer and R Palmer.

Navratilova bows to inevitable

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

INAPPROPRIATELY, an era closed 48 hours prematurely at Wimbledon. The gods, if nobody else, should have allowed Martina Navratilova to participate in the final of the centenary of the women's singles, an event she has won nine times and graced for the last 21 years.

Instead, she was beaten appreciably more soundly by Jana Novotna than the score of 6-4, 6-4 might indicate. *Although she was not prepared* to admit it publicly yesterday, she was left to contemplate the inescapable conclusion that regaining the title is forever beyond her reach.

Nothing should detract from the purposeful display of Novotna, the No 8 seed, who could pose a genuine threat to Steffi Graf in tomorrow's final. As aggressive and positive as she had been against Gabriela Sabatini in the quarter-final, Novotna only once relaxed her grip on a match she otherwise tightly controlled.

Nevertheless, Novotna could never have expected to defeat, let alone dominate, Navratilova in her prime, or even when she last reached the final, in 1990.

But the former champion, the best that has ever played the game according to the records, is deep into the twilight of her career. Navratilova insists that she will return to Wimbledon but she may reflect, as she did seriously six months ago, that there is no glory to be found on the way down from the peaks she reached.

Once she was virtually unbeatable on grass. Yesterday she looked no more than ordinary. Her service worked efficiently but the rest of her game was so ragged that she could scarcely protect herself from a tenacious opponent 13 years her junior. Novotna held 13 break points and managed to convert two of them early in the first set and another decisively in the second.

Navratilova could claim that she merely had a bad day, but the principal deficiency concerned one of her former strengths, movement. Her body no longer instantly obeys the orders sent from the brain and, at the age of 36, she cannot imagine that the process will in future be reversed.

Nor will her nerve grow any stronger. Her second serve, especially during an ominously tentative opening set, was almost apologetic. Instead of leaving the racket with an audible crack, it made the same muffled sound of a *shuttlecock being struck in* badminton and limped over the net.

One moment was as sad as it was poignant. In the fifth game of the second set, she *missed yet another backhand* volley, once the most potent weapon in the women's game. As the ball floated well beyond the sideline, she held a hand above her eyebrows as if *gazing out to sea. Although the* gesture was accompanied with a smile, she perhaps sensed then that the vision of another title was receding beyond the horizon.

With Monica Seles temporarily out of the way, this surely was her last chance to crown her career at Wimbledon. Novotna spoiled the romantic notion but her first victory over Navratilova in eight attempts would have been overshadowed had Graf, the top seed and favourite, been knocked out in the other semi-final. For a while, the startling prospect was not so improbable.

Conchita Martinez is supposedly uncomfortable on grass, but she relished conditions which Jim Courier has described as similar to playing on clay. The high bounce on the dry surface initially suited the Spaniard and she led 4-1 in the first set.

Inexorably, Graf recovered from the deficit and took the ensuing tie-break without conceding a point. She went on to win 7-6, 6-3, and reached the final for the sixth time in seven years. If the past belongs to Navratilova, the present is likely to belong to her.

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IAN STEWART



Final ecstasy: Jana Novotna celebrates her Wimbledon semi-final victory over Martina Navratilova

Martina's jokes fuel the doubts

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

SUDDENLY, the centre court was not as friendly any more. "The court was really slow on her side of the net and really fast on mine," Martina Navratilova explained after losing in straight sets to Jana Novotna yesterday.

Navratilova still peddles a good line in humour, but, more often than not over the past 20 years, her opponent has felt like the stranger in town and Navratilova the owner. Yesterday, Martina looked as if she had never seen the centre court in her life, let alone won nine singles titles on it.

For the moment at least, the logic of the role reversal *seems to have escaped the* game's sharpest mind. Say it once more, with feeling. "I'll be back," said Navratilova. In body, perhaps, but not in mind, surely. For all the *standard excuses*, Navratilova looked slow and, dare one say it, old.

Pressed further about retirement — the word was not spoken — there was just a hint of *qualification*. "*It's a long* year, but I plan to be here again next year." What might alter the plan?

"The deciding factors will be, number one, is the heart there? Number two, do I feel I can win? I'm not a glutton for punishment. I wouldn't play just to look good for a round or two and get blown out in the fourth round," she said. What, though, constitutes punishment for a nine-times champion? Not reaching the final? For many, reaching the last four of Wimbledon would be a highlight of their career. But Navratilova has set standards others have struggled to meet all through her career and so failure should be measured differently, too. For Navratilova, not reaching the final is a failure, regardless of age.

"Age is not the reason for my loss today. I just didn't play well. Things didn't click for me, and they did for her. I was lousy on the practice court, but I thought it would come around. My serve went all funny and I couldn't find *the corners.*"

If the farewell is imminent, Navratilova will certainly not give the press hordes the satisfaction of hearing the news first. There is only one *winner in the will-she-won't-*she Navratilova retirement press conference, which are becoming as much part of the Wimbledon tradition as her victories. Is 36 too late? "I sure *hope not. Next year, I'm going* to be 37. I'm not getting any younger.

"I thought I wanted to be the youngest champion, so I guess now the goal is to be the oldest."

And what about life after tennis? "I'm looking forward to it very much. It sure beats the hell out of life after death." If only her on-court ripostes had been as telling.

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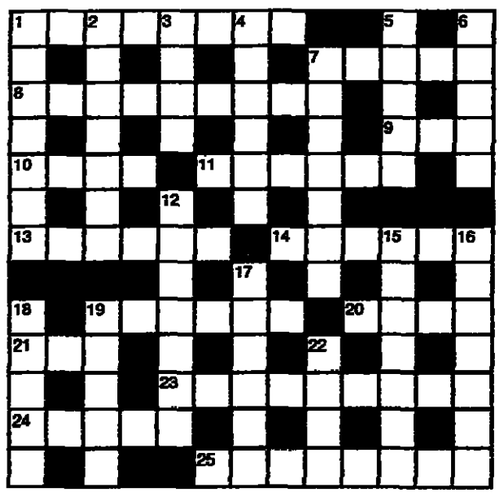
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By Raymond Keene

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BUDGEREE
a. Excellent, good
b. A flock of budgerigars
c. A *walking-stick*

METABOLON
a. Trade by exchange
b. An artillery ballista
c. A *radioactive atom*

TORRY
a. To fight a bull
b. A short leather skirt
c. A *mountain* valley

RAZETEUR
a. A bull-fighter
b. A barber
c. A trellis for vines

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